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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS TO THE 76TH THEOSOPHICAL CONVENTION

Banaras, 26th December 1951

By C. JINARĀJADĀSA

MY BROTHERS:

I greet you all with hearty goodwill, and I am glad you have come to make this Convention a success. At this Convention, the Society is in its seventy-seventh year. I want on your behalf to look back at the history of the Society, and see what it is that Theosophists have done in the course of this long history.

Among the Adepts of the Great White Brotherhood there were two, Mahātma Morya and Mahātma Koot Hoomi, who undertook to lead a movement to bring back to the world again the ancient teachings of Brahma-Vidyā, the Divine Wisdom. The work was very difficult and full of risks. The beginning of it has thus been described by the Mahātma Morya:

"In casting about we found in America the man to stand as leader—a man of great moral courage, unselfish, and having other good qualities. He was far from being the best, but he was the best one available. With him we associated a woman of most exceptional and wonderful endowments. Combined with them she had strong personal defects, but just as she was, there was no second to her living fit for this work. We sent her to America, brought them together—and the trial began. From the first, both she and he were

given clearly to understand that the issue lay entirely with themselves. And both offered themselves for the trial for certain remuneration in the far distant future as—as K.H. would say—soldiers volunteer for a Forlorn Hope."¹

There were only sixteen who were the first members to begin the Society, the most prominent of these being Colonel H. S. Olcott, H. P. Blavatsky, and W. Q. Judge. The formal Inauguration of the Society was on November 17, 1875, an anniversary which every Lodge celebrates as the beginning of a new year of the Society's work.

During the first seven years the Society was surrounded by danger, especially in 1881 and 1882, and the two Mahātmās did not know whether the Society would not collapse. Fortunately, before November 17, 1882, the crisis was over and then the Society continued slowly growing in vigour.

I am glad to remember that at our Golden Jubilee of the Society in 1925 I created in honour of our two Founders an avenue of trees, called "Founders' Avenue". There were at that time forty-one National Societies, and trees were planted for each of them, and in addition one for Colonel Olcott

¹ The quotations are from *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*.

and another for H.P.B. These latter two were planted by Dr. Besant, but in the case of all the other trees, by a General Secretary or his representative for each National Society. We had present at that Convention a very large number of General Secretaries. As each tree was planted, there was placed at its root some soil from each country, so that in 1925 the soil of forty-one countries of the world was mingled with the soil of India. Last Convention, at our Seventy-fifth Anniversary, eight more trees were planted, for since 1925 there have been that number of additional Sections created. In that case, too, the soil from each country was brought or sent to Adyar for the occasion. Thus, we have what is probably the most unique place on Globe D, our Earth, where the soil of forty-nine countries is mingled with the soil of India. It is one symbol of the World Unity which we are slowly creating with our work.

The trees planted are a variety known as Barbados Mahogany, and are all from the seeds of one magnificent tree in the Estate. This tree is probably at least two centuries old, and at the moment has a girth of twenty-eight and a half feet (9 metres 13 cm.). Similarly, some two centuries from now there will be a wonderful avenue of huge trees at Adyar, probably the most unique avenue in India. Each young tree has been planted so as to allow it plenty of light and room for growth.

I recall my first attendance at a Convention at Adyar, exactly fifty years ago. A few years before my visit there were so few Lodges that Colonel Olcott had a shield for each Lodge, and placed them on a wall in the Great Hall. But now there are so many Lodges that we can only display at Convention the flags of the National Societies, and of the countries where the Lodges are not yet sufficient in number to form a National Society,

like Japan, and Viet-Nam, which used to be called Indochina. The last National Society to be formed was that of East Africa. I hope there will soon be another National Society in Bolivia, where there are already six Lodges.

When looking at our statistics of membership, some people get the idea that the Society is no longer progressing. This is completely erroneous, because the influence of the Society must not be judged merely by the membership. On the whole, with the exception of a few countries, almost as many members join the Society in any given period as leave. The difficult economic situation everywhere accounts for the fact that many who have joined are not able to continue paying their annual dues. This is specially the case in India. It is true that every Section exempts those who are not able to pay full dues or can only pay a part. Nevertheless, a certain number do not want to ask this favour.

We must also remember that as the result of our work throughout the world in spreading the Theosophical ideas, there are many organizations that have taken up the ideas, and are spreading them quite outside the circles of our Theosophical Lodges. Steadily year by year the intellectual world is being permeated more and more with Theosophical terms, even if, as in the case of some novelists especially, the terms are merely exploited to make their writings more up to date.

The real value of the work of the Theosophical Society must be judged from quite a different plane than that of counting the number of members. We have long proclaimed the Power of Thought. It is when we evaluate the changes produced in the world of thought, that we can appreciate better what has been done by the attempts of Theosophists who have been members of the Society from the

beginning. I will illustrate by the most significant event that happened in 1920 for the welfare of the world.

In the first five years of the Society's existence, the idea of the Universal Brotherhood appeared only in a minor role in the prospectus of the work. But when the Adept Teachers began to communicate through *Letters* to Mr. Sinnett and Mr. Hume, then They made clear that Their objective was not to give a mere philosophy or to teach the mechanics of occultism, but definitely to aim to promote a Universal Brotherhood of mankind. Thus, we have most clearly in a *Letter* written by Mahātma Koot Hoomi in December 1880 :

"The *Chiefs* want a 'Brotherhood of Humanity,' a real Universal Fraternity started; an institution which would make itself known throughout the world and arrest the attention of the highest minds."

This idea is reiterated again and again. Thus, we have the ideal explained in beautiful words, by the Mahātma Koot Hoomi :

"The term 'Universal Brotherhood' is no idle phrase. Humanity in the mass has a paramount claim upon us, as I try to explain in my letter to Mr. Hume, which you had better ask the loan of. It is the only secure foundation for universal morality. If it be a dream, it is at least a noble one for mankind : and it is the aspiration of the *true adept*."

But this idea was not palatable to the two Englishmen, who were keenly interested in occultism. Finally, the great Adept called the Mahā Chohan, "to whose insight the future lies like an open page," had to intervene. To use a common phrase, the Adept definitely "put his foot down" on the whole matter of occultism as being a

necessary part for the Theosophical Society. He said :

"Rather perish the T. S. with both its hapless founders than that we should permit it to become no better than an academy of magic, a hall of occultism."

Now, from that day every Theosophical Lodge has been, directly or indirectly, a centre for the propagation of the ideal of Universal Brotherhood. Each person who joins knows of and subscribes to our First Object, "to form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity". All our studies concerning the Plan of Evolution, not excluding Occultism and Mysticism, converge on the ideal of the fundamental equality of all mankind, irrespective of race, creed, sex, caste or colour. Each Theosophical Lodge from the beginning has been like a radio emitting tower broadcasting into the mental world the idea of the Unity of all mankind. From 1875 to 1918 we were charging the mental atmosphere with this thought. The modification brought about by our work is evidenced by the fact that in 1919 President Woodrow Wilson of the United States broached the idea of a League of Nations. Our Society was already a League of Peoples. Why was the idea of a League of Nations acceptable to the principal peoples of the world? Only because, in advance of Wilson's dream, there had been a set of pioneers modifying the mentality of the world. This was exactly what was planned by the Adept Brotherhood.

The League was formally launched into being in 1920. We know that, owing to many causes, the League became ineffective, except for one most important division, which still continues its beneficent work of reconstruction, the International Labour Office. But the League of Nations was re-born under the guidance of

the Elder Brethren of humanity as the United Nations. Two men, Franklin Roosevelt, President of the United States, and Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister of England, became the unconscious agents of the Plan.

But this is not all. Though as to numbers we are not even 40,000 members, yet for the future of the world our work is most essential. The United Nations will certainly continue, but it is only a union, certainly of 60 nations, but not of all the peoples of all mankind. Think of the millions of the dark races of Africa. Yet the true future of mankind will only materialize when there is the Unity of all the peoples of the world. But this situation can never be brought about by pacts and treaties. A work, fundamental, invisible, and *on the spiritual plane*, must be done to assure and stabilize this Unity.

It is our task as Theosophists to do this, and we can only do it by developing an idea that has been fundamental from the beginning in our teachings. We have never forgotten the fact, even though we may not have stressed it very clearly, that each human being is the embodiment of the Divine Nature, and that behind even the veriest savage is a mysterious Divinity, in whose nature all mankind shares. In every religion, in one form or other, this idea exists.

In Hinduism it is "The one God-head hidden in all creatures, the inmost soul of all". In Christianity it is "the Christ in you, the hope of glory." In Buddhism it is a conception of a Buddha-Principle in all existence, which manifests itself in the course of time as a Buddha of humanity. All Buddhists know that any individual, man or woman, who makes the necessary act of will and holds that will throughout hundreds of incarnations, can become a Buddha of humanity. Even in Islam, where normally there exists an unbridgeable gap between Allah and

the soul of man, there is the conception of a union in one division of Islam, known as the Shīah sect of Muhammadanism. It is this sect, with 30 millions of followers of the Holy Prophet in Persia and India, that gave rise to the teachings of the Sūfis, where God is considered the Beloved, and the soul of man, the Lover. It was soon realized by the Sūfis that if man loves God in the fullest possible manner, it is only because the nature of God is resident in man himself.

If we in the Theosophical Society propagate this conception of the Divinehood of all men, we shall then give the necessary "steel framework" for the United Nations, so that, when crises come in its affairs, its leaders will instinctively realize that the Unity of mankind must not be broken by any earthly disputes and commitments, because that Unity is the very essence of mankind, even though mankind is composed of many types of peoples and civilizations.

I have read, as is my duty, all the Annual Reports sent to me by General Secretaries of the National Societies reporting their work in the course of the past twelve months. It would be invidious to mention some countries and omit others, which would be inevitable owing to the number of National Societies. But surveying the whole situation, I would like to give the highest praise in recognition of the deep devotion of the members everywhere to our Society and its work. The obstacles, of course, are great, especially want of finances, which prevents the development of the work of propaganda in many a field. But in spite of all these difficulties, the members in every country are staunch in their loyalty to the Society and its ideals, and though here and there may be a lessening or an increase of members by a few dozen, what is important is not the numerical summing up of the membership rolls, as I have said

before, but an examination of the types of activity undertaken by the members. It would require pages to mention all the many activities, the number of which shows that Theosophists are not narrow-minded self-seekers, but are continually remembering the great message to make Theosophy "practical," as instructed by the true and inner Founders of the Society.

Here, as indicative of the many intellectual interests of students of Theosophy, I desire to draw your attention to the two volumes of *Where Theosophy and Science Meet*, compiled by Professor Darab D. Kanga, retired Professor of Chemistry, Gujarat College, Ahmedabad. The great work is now in a second edition—a tribute to its need. If any sceptical friend of yours asks, "What is it that you Theosophists are trying to grapple with?" give this work, for it deals with Archaeology, Geology, Anthropology, Symbolism, Mythology, Relativity, Mathematics, Physics, the Fourth Dimension, Atoms, Evolutionary Biology, Physiology relating to our Food and its values, Psychology, Philosophy and Yoga, the Higher Self, Man and the Universe. The majority of the articles are written by Theosophists. This work will show at a glance to any intelligent reader that we are not a set of "sky-pilots," dreaming of heaven and the invisible and the intangible, but earnest students trying to understand every science and philosophy, so that we may give a lead to mankind out of the morass in which it finds itself today. All students owe a deep gratitude to Professor Kanga, a resident of Adyar, for his devoted labours during many years. It is indeed a *magnum opus*, and an outstanding contribution to Theosophy.

During this year I devoted six months towards helping the work in

Australia and New Zealand. I was accompanied by my private secretary, Miss Elithe Nisewanger, and my office assistant, Miss Jamni Thadani. Owing to dock strikes in New Zealand, my travel there was complicated, and definitely involved a certain amount of hardship. But hardship is part of the "bag and baggage" of every Theosophical lecturer, and I need say no more.

Our former Vice-President, Brother N. Sri Ram, had an eight-months' tour in the United States, and also visited Canada, Cuba and Mexico in the course of his work.

Shrimati Rukmini Devi toured in Europe, where she was guest of honour at Conventions in Belgium and Switzerland, also in Austria which held at Graz its first Convention since the outbreak of the Second World War. She also visited England, Wales, France and Denmark, and of course spent some time at the important Centre of workers at Huizen, of which she is the Head.

Among the workers from International Headquarters who have travelled this year is the Recording Secretary, Miss Helen Zahara, who on her way to England stayed for some days in the Isle of Cyprus and addressed the members there. I hope a Lodge will presently be formed in Cyprus. She also spent several days in Rome, then was several weeks in England, where she attended their Convention and addressed the gathering. During this absence, her work was carried on most efficiently by Miss Elizabeth Preston. The work of that office is indeed most arduous. Our Treasurer, Mr. C. D. T. Shores, had a month's trip to Indonesia and Malaya, visiting the several Lodges there and, naturally of course, Singapore. Two other Headquarters workers, Shrimati Bhagirathi Sri Ram and Mr. M. Subramaniam, spent a month in Rangoon, helping the work of the Lodge in that city. During the

absence of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, Mr. K. S. Rajagopalan, took over the work. That work requires very great attention in keeping in order 210 accounts.

As in previous years, I am bound to express my profound obligation to the Vice-President, Mr. Sidney A. Cook. His contribution to the Administration of the Adyar Estate is unequalled. With all his experience in a very large business organization in Chicago, and his qualifications as a trained accountant, he has taken over from me all the financial details of Headquarters. As we employ 348 workers, including the printers at Vasanta Press, and as costs are rising, a very careful check and control is necessary. There is no Department where money is not involved, and where he does not enter to enquire and report to me what can be bettered and in what way we can develop the work. I do not want to enter into details, but I do feel that I must express my profoundest obligation to the Vice-President for his contribution.

Next to the Vice-President, the staff worker to whom I owe most is my Assistant Editor of *The Theosophist*, Mrs. Dosibai R. Dinshaw. It is she who "assembles" the articles for presentation to me, "edits" them (which consists largely in cutting the articles down to reasonable length for our limited number of pages), and "proofs" everything. When I am away, I leave her full discretion about the whole magazine except the Watch-Tower Notes, which I write laboriously.

I must also mention, with thanks on your behalf also, the Heads of the various Departments at Adyar. The mere enumeration of the Departments will show that we are indeed a colony of dedicated workers: Recording Secretary's office, Treasurer's office, Adyar Library, Engineering Department, Theosophical Publishing House, Vasanta Press, Leadbeater Chambers,

Bhojanasāla, Garden Department, Laundry, Dispensary, Sanitary Department, Watch and Ward, and the Cleaning Squad.

Members know by now of the creation some years ago of the Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund, the capital sum of which is not drawn upon for current expenses. It is only from the interest received that we get some help to lessen the heavy burden of the expenses of Headquarters' administration. I regret to note that of late this very important Fund is not being adequately supported, and that collections have fallen off. Members have perhaps become somewhat "weary in well-doing". Once again, I recommend that members should remember this permanent Fund for our Headquarters when they make testamentary dispositions. A few have already done so and have earned thereby a good Karma which will assure them future lives under happy circumstances.

I feel that I must announce to all Theosophists the completion of a work begun in 1895 by our two leaders, Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater. This is in that recondite but most fascinating field of Occult Chemistry, which is an investigation by clairvoyant magnification of all the chemical elements of the Periodic Table, and the nature of many of the elements as they break up into the higher sub-planes of the physical. Part of this work has also entailed the description of the formation of a certain number of compounds. From the beginning I have been intimately associated with this work, not as a clairvoyant investigator, but as the recorder of the investigations. Most of the diagrams in the First and Second Editions of the work *Occult Chemistry* were drawn by me.

From 1895 to 1933 the work progressed steadily, and now we have just published the Third and Final Edition. This part of the work, the

re-drawing of all the diagrams, and putting the already published and additional material into the present book, has been directed, under my general supervision, by one thoroughly qualified, Miss Elizabeth W. Preston, M.Sc., who has been in touch with the work of Occult Chemistry for over twenty years. It was fortunate for me that she has been at Adyar to direct this work.

The volume is in large format, 13½ by 10 inches (34 by 25½ cm.), consists of 400 pages and contains 230 diagrams. As you can well imagine, the volume is going to be expensive, but we have arranged for a reduction in the price to certified members. This [showing the book] is the volume which has just been issued.

Now that this work is completed, I can say, "*Nunc dimittis*," "Lord lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace."

I should further like to state my profound conviction—I am fairly in touch with modern Science and its researches and have studied Occult Chemistry since 1895—that in about two centuries there will be three works that will remain as our outstanding contributions to the world's knowledge. By then all the many Theosophical ideas will have been accepted by the intelligent men and women of the world, and there will be no further propaganda needed for what we call modern Theosophy. The three works that will remain permanent are: First, *The Secret Doctrine*; second, the principal texts and translations, issued by our great Adyar Library; and third, this work *Occult Chemistry*. *Occult Chemistry* contains a vast material dealing with the working of the Divine Mind, the Great Architect and Grand Geometrician of the Universe. The whole science of Chemistry will be re-written in the light of this contribution by our two Theosophical leaders. In making this statement I am not draw-

ing upon my fancy. In this matter I have my feet fairly on earth, and I know the values of the chief departments of Science. But in this work is a contribution which, in the future, will be recognized as one of the most wonderful contributions by Theosophists to world-knowledge.

In my last Convention Address, I alluded to the desire of a handful of Theosophists in various countries in the world that there should be an attempt to make one Theosophical Society out of the several that exist today. Besides our Parent Society, the largest of all Theosophical Societies, there is the Theosophical Society, once at Point Loma, later at Covina, and now in Pasadena. Lately two people have been agitating for this union and bombarded me with letters, and I have had to explain that nothing would be gained by such an attempt at union, when Theosophists of the various groups are divided on certain issues. It is perfectly true that all are united in our profound respect for H. P. B. and supreme regard for her teachings. But she is not the only "Founder" of the Society. Among the two who have been called "the suffering founders" by the Mahātmās, Colonel Olcott was one. Our Parent Society is the only one that recognizes his contribution to the building of the Society, which is equal to that of H. P. B., though in a different field.

On this matter of the usefulness of several groups of Theosophists following their own ideals of Theosophical work, Dr. Besant once referred to the question. In 1907 here in Banaras a certain division took place, and some members led by a most devoted Theosophist and worker, the late Upendra-nath Basu, and the late Miss Lillian Edger, separated themselves from the Society and organized themselves into a movement called "The Independent Theosophical Federation". Dr. Besant highly approved that those who

dissented from her should continue their contribution to Theosophical work, even though they were no longer a part of the Parent Society. The following is what she said :

"It is good that there should be many Societies, based on similar principles but differing in administration and in unessential details, that carry abroad into the world the precious truths of the WISDOM. Some brethren, I know, think that as 'union is strength,' the formation of different Societies is undesirable. Personally, I do not think so. Union is certainly to be wished for, but union and uniformity are not identical. We may be united, in the true sense—bound together by mutual love and by a common desire to serve humanity by spreading truth—although one may prefer one organization and one another. We must not, as followers of the WISDOM, repeat the error of Rome and insist on uniformity. So may the Masters' blessing rest—as assuredly it will—on all who worthily serve Them, and let us rejoice that those who cannot see with us in everything find their own part of the vineyard, and their own way of working."

This is exactly what I said last Convention. We have as an illuminating thought Dr. Arundale's slogan, "Together, differently". We as individuals and as groups cannot help being different in our ways of work and our personal loyalties. Nevertheless, we can be together in the service of humanity.

I notice from the Reports of the National Societies that in many countries there are study classes on *The Secret Doctrine*. But it is astonishing that there has been no study class reported on one of H.P.B.'s contributions which she herself valued highly, *The Voice of the Silence*. H.P.B.'s gift to us was not merely the exposition to the philosophic and scientific mind

of what the Adept Brotherhood had to teach. She was aiming all the time to lead to the feet of the Holy Ones those who aspired to the spiritual life.

In order to help them she translated a gem which she had learnt during her stay in Tibet. Anyone who reads it will realize how strongly she is urging the aspirant to renounce everything of the self, and to think continually of suffering humanity. Who will ever forget these verses of hers, indicating what is the spiritual life for the aspirant :

"Let thy Soul lend its ear to every cry of pain, like as the lotus bares its heart to drink the morning sun.

"Let not the fierce sun dry one tear of pain before thyself hast wiped it from the sufferer's eye.

"But let each burning human tear drop on thy heart and there remain ; nor ever brush it off until the pain that caused it is removed.

"These tears, O thou of heart most merciful, these are the streams that irrigate the fields of charity immortal."

The only commentary that I know, illuminating the teachings of *The Voice of the Silence*, is by C. W. Leadbeater, a pupil of H.P.B. The commentary consists of 284 pages ; it was published in 1931 as Volume II of *Talks on the Path of Occultism*.

I bring up this point because, during the last fifty years, while we have been irradiating the White Light of Theosophy, there are many groups of people who have taken our ideas and made that Light definitely "grey". H.P.B. insists on a strict demarcation between white magic and black magic. Black is easily recognized, but not grey, and there are many variations of the grey, shading off from the White Light.

Wherever any group of people is intent on knowledge for their own

unfoldment, or is seeking a fuller realization by acquirement of psychic powers, or by what is called Yoga practices, then the element of the grey magic enters into what they consider the spiritual life. There is one organization in the United States that does a great deal of propaganda and claims to reveal Rosicrucianism. I recall some years ago when in Cuba, that this organization advertised itself in these words, as an inducement to the public: "You can influence others by your thoughts." Certainly you can, and if you develop this power of the mind, it will be quite useful in business relations and particularly if an unscrupulous person wants to subject women to his passions. But all this is definitely even more than grey.

In her work H.P.B. warns us of the influence of the dark forces, whom she calls "the murderers of their Souls, the dread Dad-Dugpa clan". The dread Dad-Dugpas are very much in evidence just now, and are finding their tools in much that passes for occultism and psychism, and sad to say, in the field of Art also.

We must never forget that from the first days of the Theosophical Society, Mahātma Koot Hoomi, as one of the true Founders of the Society, proclaimed our duty towards helpless and distressed humanity, whom He called "the great Orphan". Said the Adept:

"... human and purely individual personal feelings—blood-ties and friendship, patriotism and race predilection—all will give away, to become blended into one uni-

versal feeling, the only true and holy, the only unselfish and Eternal one—Love, an Immense Love for humanity—as a *Whole*! For it is 'Humanity' which is the great Orphan, the only disinherited one upon this earth, my friend. And it is the duty of every man who is capable of an unselfish impulse, to do something, however little, for its welfare. Poor, poor humanity!"

Happily, for our welfare and in order that we might not forget "poor Orphan humanity," in 1908 Dr. Besant organized the Theosophical Order of Service, so that some of us at least should remember that we have a duty to suffering mankind. H.P.B. once quoted as follows from a *Letter* of one of the Adepts:

"Theosophy must not represent merely a collection of moral verities, a bundle of metaphysical ethics epitomized in theoretical dissertations. Theosophy must be more practical, and has, therefore, to be disencumbered of useless discussion."

I now ask you to rise as I close with an Invocation to the Holy Ones made by Dr. Besant:

"May our weakness be uplifted by Their resistless Power, our ignorance enlightened by Their pure Wisdom, our policy guided by Their high Activity, until Love reigns upon earth and the Oneness of the Self is known."

G. JINARĀJADĀSA

TO THEOSOPHICAL LODGES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

You are aware how our Leaders, Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater, devoted themselves to the cause of Theosophy, the former for 45 years, the latter for 50 years. I suggest that, as an act of gratitude of their services rendered to us, each Lodge purchase

the volume of *Occult Chemistry* by a collection among the members, to place it in the Lodge Library. The Lodge will then be able to refer an inquirer of a scientific mind to this specialized work on Chemistry and Physics.

B. Jinarajadasa

"Theosophy must not repeat itself merely a collection of moral virtues, a bundle of metaphysical ethics, or a collection of theoretical discourses. Theosophy must be more practical and has therefore to be distinguished by a new discussion."

"I now ask you to rise as I rise with an invocation to the Holy One made by the Master."

"May our weakness be enabled by Theosophical Power, our ignorance enlightened by Theosophical Wisdom, our policy guided by Theosophical Activity, until I see reason upon earth and the Queen of the Heavens known."

C. JINARAJADASA

"We must never forget that from the first days of the Theosophical Society, Madame Blavatsky, as one of the first Founders of the Society, has directed our duty towards India and directed humanity from the north of the East. Said the Adepts: '... human and purely Indian and a sound technique—based on the and relationship between and race, and relationship—all will give way, to become blended into one unit'."

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Income and Expenditure account of the Theosophical Society for the year ended 30th September, 1951, closed with a surplus of Rs. 17,533-8-3. This has been rendered possible by the receipt of donations of Rs. 8,962-5-7, Adyar Day Collections of Rs. 26,483-4-2 and bequests of Rs. 31,315-13-3. None of the last mentioned amount could be made available for the A.B.C. Fund, as was hoped, since the full amount is

necessary to reinforce the Society's working Capital. (See comments under Engineering Department.)

The Adyar Day Collections include a sum of Rs. 20,675-14-5 contributed by members in the U.S.A. and, with the small balance carried forward from last year, amounted to Rs. 27,005-3-10. This sum has been allocated by the President as follows :

			Rs.	A.	P.
Olcott Harijan Free Schools	...	...	1,000	0	0
Adyar Library	...	...	2,000	0	0
Welfare Fund	...	...	2,000	0	0
Faithful Service Fund	...	...	5,000	0	0
Vice-President's Travelling Fund	...	...	1,000	0	0
President's Discretionary Fund	...	...	1,500	0	0
Besant Theosophical School	...	...	1,000	0	0
Sum made available to the T. S.	...	...	13,000	0	0
			26,500	0	0
Retained for further allocation	...	...	505	3	10
			27,005	3	10

Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund.

—The sum of Rs. 68,092 was received during the year for this fund and the balance on 30-9-1951 was Rs. 6,01,075 towards the target figure of Rs. 20,00,000. Our grateful thanks are due to the many donors for their continued generous contributions to the fund. The interest income of Rs. 20,464 in the current year shows to what extent the Society is dependent for its support upon this growing fund.

Fees and Dues received during the year total slightly more than the budget estimate of Rs. 20,000. As difficulties still exist relative to remittances from many countries, the receipts during the coming year are not likely to be more than this amount.

The Faithful Service Fund.—This fund opened with a credit balance of Rs. 20,792 and during the year Rs. 12,419 was disbursed. Rs. 5,000

has been allocated to this fund from the Adyar Day Collections to ensure continuation of allowances to faithful workers through the coming year. After taking into account this and other donations received, a balance remains of Rs. 16,538.

Capital Expenditure.—Capital improvements in the amount Rs. 25,501 include Rs. 8,334 made to various buildings of the Society and shown in the Immovable Property account and Rs. 17,167 for new Transformer and pumping equipment shown as Electrical Installation under Departmental Assets.

Purchases of Movable Property include Recording Equipment at a cost of Rs. 5,300 and the filming of the Adyar Convention, Rs. 2,450. The recording equipment is for use at the School of the Wisdom and for other purposes. The film will be available for exhibition to members abroad. A rental charge will be made to offset the cost involved.

Repairs and Renewals.—During the year necessary repairs amounting to Rs. 28,049-11-3 were carried out within the budget limit of Rs. 30,000. It should be noted that against this heavy and recurring expense the Society has a rental income of Rs. 56,612.

Taxation.—As anticipated last year the Madras Corporation taxes on our buildings have been increased and a sum of Rs. 11,849-14-6 has been paid. This is included with other taxes paid, amounting in all to Rs. 12,466-13-6.

Appropriations.—Following previous years' practice, a grant of Rs. 5,000 has been made to the Adyar Library. As is known, the publications of the Adyar Library are mainly of scholarly interest with a very small market for their sale. Yet this means of contact with the world of scholarship is of very great importance as was foreseen

by Col. Olcott. Special donations to this work are urgently needed.

Convention 1950.—The budgeted deficit of Rs. 5,000 under this heading was determined before detailed estimates could be prepared for the construction and wiring of the many temporary buildings erected for the large 75th Convention attendance. As a result the budget was exceeded by Rs. 9,000.

Bhojanasala.—A deficit of Rs. 900 was budgeted for, but the department has shown a surplus of Rs. 884-6-0, due to income derived from residents who stayed longer than the Convention period and from those attending other conferences.

Leadbeater Chambers shows a deficit of Rs. 422, against a budgeted deficit of Rs. 1,000. This is due partly to the many residents during Convention and also to the catering arrangements during that period.

The Laundry deficit is Rs. 46-0-6, which is a substantial improvement as compared with previous years.

Engineering Department.—After providing a reserve for extending the Underground Electric Cable System and the renewal of Water Line and Meters, this department shows a surplus of Rs. 423. The investment of working capital in operating supplies on hand has grown from Rs. 17,000 to Rs. 49,000 in the last four years without appreciably changing the quantities carried. This is typical of the increasing costs in India in all departments of life.

Electric rates have been reduced as of October 1, 1951 and will be reflected in lower revenue for this department. However there will be a commensurate reduction in operating expense in this and other departments, principally in the Garden and Press.

Garden Department.—The anticipated deficit for the year was Rs. 500 ; but largely owing to a fall in the yield of cocoanuts, the year has closed with a deficit of Rs. 2,746. The cost of maintaining the ornamental gardens on the Estate was heavier than normal because of the special preparations for the 75th Convention. Income from the casuarina plantations (shown in the Income Account and not credited to this department)

should increase substantially in future years.

Vasanta Press.—This department shows a surplus of Rs. 556 after making reservation for contingencies. Steps are being taken, through the purchase of new type and in other ways, to make this department more productive.

The Watch and Ward and Sanitation Departments have contained their expenses within the budget limits.

C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

THE T. S. INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Budget Allot- ment	EXPENSE						Rs.		A. P.	
Rs.										
23,300	To Establishment—Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	...	...	22,469	4	1	
30,000	„ Repairs and Renewals	...	...	...	...	...	28,049	11	3	
5,200	„ Lighting and Water	...	...	...	...	...	5,294	7	9	
5,000	„ Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	5,135	6	5	
3,500	„ Postages, Telegrams and Telephone	...	...	...	...	...	2,635	9	3	
4,500	„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	...	3,583	3	9	
12,000	„ Taxes	...	...	...	...	...	12,466	13	6	
100	„ Pensions	...	...	...	...	...	61	8	0	
900	„ Publications to General Secretaries	...	...	...	...	...	679	4	0	
500	„ Museum and Archives	...	...	...	...	...	445	1	3	
5,000	„ Convention 1950	...	...	...	...	...	14,005	5	4	
.. Departmental Results :										
		Expense		Income		Net				
		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.			
500	Garden	36,974	6 0	34,228	3 10	— 2,746	2 2			
14,250	Watch and Ward	13,238	13 9			— 13,238	13 9			
4,450	Sanitation	3,924	12 9	1,349	0 0	— 2,575	12 9			
3,200	Dispensary	3,983	15 3	817	8 9	— 3,166	6 6			
1,000	Leadbeater Cham- bers	30,699	9 0	30,277	7 10	— 422	1 2			
128	Laundry	6,750	15 0	6,704	14 6	— 46	0 6			
900	Bhojanasala	10,749	8 0	11,633	14 3	+ 884	6 3			
	Engineering Depart- ment	1,25,253	0 2	1,25,676	13 6	+ 423	13 4			
	Vasanta Press	1,06,867	10 10	1,07,424	6 0	+ 556	11 2			
		3,38,442	10 9	3,18,112	4 8	— 20,330	6 1	20,330	6	1
								1,15,156	0	8
.. Appropriations :										
5,000	To Adyar Library	...	...	...	...	5,000	0 0			
6,500	„ The School of the Wisdom	...	...	...	...	6,500	0 0			
	„ Assam Relief Fund	...	...	...	...	500	0 0			
								12,000	0	0
14,000	.. Depreciation :									
	On Immovable Property @ 2%	...	...	...	...	11,720	0 0			
	„ Gulistan @ 2%	...	...	...	...	302	7 0			
	„ Movable Property @ 7½%	...	...	...	...	3,131	4 0			
								15,153	11	0
	.. Excess of Income over Expense carried to Capital a/c					...	...	17,533	8	3
								1,59,843	3	11

ADYAR

24th December 1951

For The Theosophical Society,

C. D. SHORES,

Hony. Treasurer,

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V. SOUNDARARAJAN & Co.,

Chartered Accountants.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES					Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
Capital														
General:														
Balance at Oct. 1, 1950	...	...	...	...	6,44,298	10	11						
Add Excess of Income over Expense					17,533	8	3							
								6,61,832	3	2				
Departmental:														
Adyar Library	...	...	...	...	1,74,397	9	6						
Engineering Department	...	...	...	...	46,960	2	9						
Garden Department...	...	...	...	...	9,956	10	8						
Vasanta Press	...	...	...	...	38,088	14	0						
								2,69,403	4	11				
											9,31,235	8	1	
Funds (see notes below)														
Of the Society Interest Bearing:														
Adyar Library Endowment Fund (a)					87,932	12	7							
Adyar Library Building Fund (b)					1,25,420	15	9							
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (c)					6,01,075	11	2							
Miscellaneous Funds (a)					48,890	4	8							
do. do. (d)					13,584	12	3							
					8,76,904	8	5							
Of the Society Non-Interest Bearing:														
President's Travelling Fund	...	...	...	...	33,205	4	9						
Pensions & Gratuities Fund	...	...	...	...	8,738	7	8						
								9,18,848	4	10				
Of Others:														
Interest Bearing:														
Sri Panda Baijnath Propaganda Endowment Fund	...	...	...	...	34,458	10	5						
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	34,569	1	9						
Non-Interest Bearing	...	...	...	...	49,545	14	2						
								1,18,573	10	4				
											10,37,421	15	2	
Sundry Deposits	...	...	...	...							87,186	3	1
Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	...							2,602	7	7
Adyar Library:														
Miscellaneous Funds	...	...	...	...				2,103	7	4			
Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	...				1,721	6	0			
Gratuities Reserve	...	...	...	...				5,831	6	1			
											9,656	3	5	
Reserves:														
War-deferred Maintenance	...	...	...	...				26,336	0	0			
Electrical Line	...	...	...	...				6,000	0	0			
Meter and Water Line	...	...	...	...				4,000	0	0			
Adyar Day Fund unallotted	...	...	...	...				505	3	10			
Vasanta Press Contingencies	...	...	...	...				3,000	0	0			
											39,841	3	10	
Notes.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.														
(b) Interest available for general purposes.														
(c) Interest only available for general purposes.														
(d) Interest only available for specific purposes.														
												21,07,943	9	2

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1951

PROPERTY AND ASSETS									
Immovable Property :				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance at Oct. 1, 1950									
Lands at Adyar ...				1,93,857	13	0			
Buildings ..				5,78,664	6	3			
							7,72,522	3	3
Add Improvements during the year							7,333	11	6
							7,79,855	14	9
Less Depreciation Reserve							2,18,430	8	6
Land in Sindh									5,61,425
"Gulistan", Kotagiri :									10,000
Balance at Oct. 1, 1950							15,123	7	0
Less Depreciation							302	7	0
									14,821
Movable Properties, Adyar :									0
Balance at Oct. 1, 1950							32,011	9	11
Add Additions during the year							10,085	10	10
							42,097	4	9
Less Sales							351	0	0
							41,746	4	9
Less Depreciation Reserve							23,516	9	8
									18,229
Investments at Cost :									11
Government of India Loan (Rs. 6,90,400) 2½% to 4%							6,84,389	5	3
Madras Provincial Govt. Loan (Rs. 1,16,400)							1,16,577	12	5
United Kingdom Loan							1,77,046	4	1
Surrender Value of Life Policy							15,600	0	0
Miscellaneous							6,774	8	3
									10,00,387
Interest accrued on Investments									6,337
Fees and Dues Outstanding									2,636
Sundry Debtors							40,672	11	3
Less Rentals billed in Advance							2,424	0	0
									38,248
Departmental Assets :									11
Electrical Installation less Depreciation							35,613	0	0
Tools, Implements, Utensils and Equipment							18,739	15	0
Printing Machinery							22,106	0	0
Supplies on hand							79,189	13	9
Accounts Recoverable and Advances							5,770	9	4
Cash							415	0	0
Advance Rentals							179	0	0
Standing Crops							8,430	12	9
Prepaid Fire Insurance Premium							1,075	9	0
Works in Progress							25,388	3	0
									1,96,907
Adyar Library :									14
Manuscripts and Books				1,46,404	11	9			10
Furniture, less Depreciation				12,802	8	0			
Stock of Publications				37,696	0	0			
Miscellaneous				288	2	4			
							1,97,191	6	1
									3,94,099
Cash :									4
Fixed Deposit							2,061	3	9
In Madras Banks on Current Account							47,032	13	8
In London Bank do.							3,782	2	3
On hand							8,881	11	3
									61,757
									14
									11
									9
									2
									21,07,943

Examined and found correct,
V. SOUNDARAJAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

FAITHFUL SERVICE FUND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-1951

DISBURSEMENTS			RECEIPTS		
	Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.
To Miss E. M. Amery :			By Opening Balance	...	20,792 9 2
@ Rs. 165/- p.m. 6 months	2,190	0 0	Donations etc.	...	2,476 14 2
@ Rs. 200/- " 6 "			Rent from Manjeri House	...	240 0 0
Miss G. Watkin @ Rs. 218/-			Adyar Day Allocation	...	5,000 0 0
p.m.	2,616	0 0	Interest	...	403 7 0
Dr. Anna Kamensky	2,290	3 2			
Miss Helen Veale @ Rs. 100/-					
p.m.	1,200	0 0			
Mr. C. V. Shah @ Rs. 85/- p.m.	1,020	0 0			
Madame P. Cazin @ Rs. 80/-					
p.m.	960	0 0			
Mr. C. S. Trilokekar @ Rs. 50/-					
p.m.	600	0 0			
Contribution to the Clara Codd					
Pension Fund	337	3 0			
Mr. L. Subramania Iyer @					
Rs. 35/- p.m.	420	0 0			
Miss H. S. Kemp @ Rs. 60/-					
p.m. 8 months	480	0 0			
Mr. Manjeri S. Rama Iyer @					
Rs. 20/- p.m.	240	0 0			
Money Order and Bank Com-					
missions	20	13 0			
Balance carried over	16,538	11 2			
	28,912	14 4		28,912	14 4

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT'S
TRAVELLING FUND

RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1951

	Rs.	A.	P.
Sri Gulnar and Sorab Parekh	50 0 0
The T.S. in England £50-0-0	660 14 10
The T.S. in New Zealand £167-0-0	2,203 11 3
The T.S. in Australia A£72-18-6	767 3 1
			3,681 13 2

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1951

						Rs.	A.	P.
The Theosophical Society in	U. S. A.	1950-51 ...				9,072	1	9
"	England	£222-13-11 1950-51 ...				2,941	15	6
"	India	1950-51 ...				2,741	6	0
"	Sweden	1950 ...				324	2	0
"	N. Ireland	£6-7-5 1949-50 ...				84	1	0
"	Scotland	£13-19-0 1950 ...				185	5	7
"	Canada	1950-51 ...				427	8	0
"	Mexico	\$50.00 1950 ...				235	2	0
"	South Africa	£18-10-0 1950-51 ...				245	12	11
"	Colombia	... ..				249	3	11
"	Portugal	£13-13-6 1950-51 ...				180	7	1
"	Greece	£15-0-0 ...				197	15	0
"	New Zealand	£43-6-11 ...				575	11	0
"	Chile	\$44.76 ...				210	7	11
"	British East Africa	1950-51 ...				48	5	4
"	Cuba	1951 ...				350	15	3
"	Norway	£5-2-1 ...				67	13	0
"	Uruguay	... ..				66	7	0
"	Finland	... ..				267	0	0
"	Ceylon	... ..				49	8	0
"	Malaya and Siam	... ..				184	6	0
"	Indonesia	... ..				119	4	10
"	Costa Rica	\$64.00 ...				301	9	3
"	France	... ..				308	5	6
"	Australia	... ..				566	7	6
"	Ecuador	\$5.78 ...				27	2	11
Canadian Federation, T.S.		... ..				234	14	0
Non-Sectionalized Lodges		... ..				267	1	9
Total ...						20,530	8	0

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1951-52

EXPENSE	Budget for 1950-'51	Actuals for 1950-'51	Budget for 1951-'52	INCOME	Budget for 1950-'51	Actuals for 1950-'51	Budget for 1951-'52
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages	23,300	22,469	23,000	Rent	54,000	54,188	54,000
Repairs and Renewals (Excess to War-deferred Maintenance Reserve) ...	30,000	28,050	30,000	Conservancy Charges ...	1,300	1,349	1,300
Garden Expenses	37,300	36,974	40,800	Fees and Dues	20,000	20,530	20,000
Miscellaneous	5,000	5,135	5,000	Garden Income	36,800	34,228	38,800
Light and Water	5,200	5,294	5,000	Casuarina	4,000	3,942	10,000
Watch and Ward	14,250	13,238	15,400	Administration Charges ...	7,130	7,130	7,130
Postages, Telegrams and Telephone	3,500	2,635	3,500	Interest (Gross)	30,000	30,317	30,000
Printing and Stationery ...	4,500	3,583	4,500	Special Departments:			
Publications to General Secretaries	900	679	800	Engineering Department ...	1,19,550	1,25,676	1,13,530
Sanitation Expenses	4,450	3,925	3,800	Vasanta Press	1,00,400	1,07,424	1,20,000
Taxes Account	12,000	12,467	12,500	Laundry	7,900	6,704	6,700
Pensions	100	62	100	Bhojanasala		884	
Interest on Funds and Accounts	10,000	9,543	10,000	Deficit to be made good by Donations	36,798	66,778	29,020
Convention (Reserve for 1952)	5,000	14,005	2,500				
Contributions:							
Adyar Library	5,000	5,000	5,000				
Dispensary	3,200	3,166	3,200				
President's Travelling Fund							
Museum and Archives ...	500	445	500				
The School of the Wisdom..	6,500	6,500	6,500				
Depreciation	14,000	15,153	14,500				
Donations to various Funds and Accounts		14,000					
Convention 1951 Travelling Expenses			1,000				
Bhojanasala—deficit	900		650				
Leadbeater Chambers—deficit	1,000	422	2,000				
Special Departments:							
Engineering Department...	1,19,500	1,25,253	1,13,530				
Vasanta Press	1,04,000	1,06,868	1,20,000				
Laundry	7,778	6,750	6,700				
Surplus		17,534					
	4,17,878	4,59,150	4,30,480		4,17,878	4,59,150	4,30,480

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1951

		Rs.	A.	P.			Rs.	A.	P.
To Stock on hand, 1-10-1951	...	36,947	14	9	By Sales	...	4,643	2	0
„ Cost of Publications	...	15,210	9	0	„ Stock on hand, 30-9-1951	...	37,696	0	0
					„ Publication cost not covered by sales (subsidy from General Funds)	...	9,819	5	9
		52,158	7	9			52,158	7	9

Examined and found correct,
V. SOUNDARARAJAN & CO.
Chartered Accountants.

ADYAR
24th December, 1951.

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF THE

Budget Rs.	EXPENSE				Rs. A. P.		
19,400	To Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	19,412	2	0
500	„ Copying and Comparing Charges	...	...	...	402	4	0
500	„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy	...	...	...	894	12	6
350	„ Postages	...	...	...	332	0	3
500	„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	1,494	8	3
250	„ Fire Insurance	...	...	...	262	15	6
150	„ Miscellaneous	...	...	...	343	2	1
				...	23,141	12	7
8,000	„ Subsidy to Publications			Rs. A. P.			
	Account	...	...	...	9,819	5	9
1,200	„ Reserve for Gratuities	... 1,200	0	0			
	Depreciation Reserve	... 328	6	9			
		1,528	6	9			
	„ <i>Capital Expenditure</i> :						
	Books and Manuscripts	... 494	14	0			
	Furniture	... 4,062	14	9			
	Improvements to						
	Buildings	... 2,365	6	6			
	„ <i>Allocations</i> :						
	Donation Box	... 1,037	2	0			
					9,488	12	0

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ADYAR LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-51

	INCOME			Budget		
				Rs.	A. P.	Rs.
By T.S. Contribution	5,000	0 0	5,000
" Adyar Day Allocation	2,000	0 0	2,500
" Miscellaneous Receipts and Donations	259	12 3	1,500
" Donation Box	1,037	2 0	
" Interest on Endowments	5,964	7 4	6,200
				14,261	5 7	
" Deduction from Publication Fund	Rs.	A. P.	1,000	0 0	
" " Building Fund	2,365	6 6			
" " Endowment Fund	24,823	2 3			
				28,188	8 9	

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BALANCE SHEET OF THE

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<i>Endowment Fund :</i>									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...			1,10,791	12	7			
Add Donations received during the year	...			1,964	2	3			
				1,12,755	14	10			
Less Excess of Expense over Income for the year	...	...	...	24,823	2	3	87,932	12	7
<i>Building Fund :</i>									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...			1,27,786	6	3			
Less Improvements to Building	...			2,365	6	6	1,25,420	15	9
<i>Capital Fund :</i>									
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...			1,69,839	12	9			
Add Additions during the year									
Books and Manuscripts		494-14-0							
Furniture		4,062-14-9		4,557	12	9	1,74,397	9	6
<i>Publications Fund :</i>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...			1,300	14	0			
Less applied to Income account	...			1,000	0	0	300	14	0
<i>Gratuities Reserve :</i>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...			4,631	6	1			
Add Additions during the year	...			1,200	0	0	5,831	6	1
Book Deposit	...	...	...	...			700	0	0
<i>Donation Box and General Fund :</i>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...			604	9	1			
Add Additions during the year	...			1,037	2	0			
				1,641	11	1			
Less Expenses	...	...	...	839	1	9	802	9	4
Reserve for purchase of books	...			...			1,000	0	0
Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	...			1,020	0	3
Suspense Account	...	...	...	...			1	5	9
							3,97,407	9	3

ADYAR
24th December 1951

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

ADYAR LIBRARY AS ON 30-9-51

ASSETS	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<i>* Manuscripts and Books :</i>						
Balance as per last Balance Sheet ...	1,45,909	13	9			
Add Purchases during the year ...	494	14	0			
				1,46,404	11	9
<i>Furniture :</i>						
Original Value as per last Balance Sheet.	10,847	14	0			
Add Purchases during the year ...	4,062	14	9			
	14,910	12	9			
Less Depreciation ...	2,108	4	9			
				12,802	8	0
Stock of Publications on hand ...	...	...	...	37,696	0	0
Prepaid Fire Insurance Premium ...	...	...	...	150	15	0
Advances to Staff ...	...	...	...	87	0	0
Cash on hand ...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Sundry Debtors ...	...	...	...	30	3	4
Balance with the T.S. ...	...	...	...	2,00,216	3	2

* A revaluation of all books and Manuscripts as proposed by the Hony. Director, Adyar Library, will be considered next year.

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Chartered Accountants.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

BUDGET ESTIMATE—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

ACCOUNT FOR 1951-52

EXPENSE	Actuals	Budget	INCOME	Actuals	Budget
	for 1950-'51 Rs.	for 1951-'52 Rs.		for 1950-'51 Rs.	for 1951-'52 Rs.
To Salaries and Wages ...	19,412	19,000	By T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	5,000
„ Copying and Comparing Charges ...	402	500	„ Adyar Day Allocation ...	2,500	2,000
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conser- vancy ...	894	800	„ Miscellaneous Donation and Charity Box ...	260	1,000
„ Fire Insurance ...	262	250	„ Interest on Endowments ...	5,964	5,400
„ Postages ...	322	350	„ Deficit to be made good by Donations ...		15,450
„ Printing and Stationery ...	1,474	500			
„ Miscellaneous ...	324	100			
„ Subsidy for Publication ...	9,819	5,000			
„ Gratuity Reserve ...	1,200	1,500			
„ Depreciation ...	328	350			
„ Books and Manuscripts ...	495	500			
„ Allocation to Charity Fund ...	1,037				
		28,850			28,850

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

Hony. Director,

Adyar Library.

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES
OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES, OF
PRESIDENTIAL AGENTS AND OF
FEDERATION SECRETARIES

These reports in some instances have been translated
into English, edited or condensed in the office of the
Recording Secretary.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The tri-annual election was held this year in the American Section. The National President, Mr. James S. Perkins, and three members of the Board of Directors were re-elected, Dr. George DeHoff from the Northeast, Miss Winifred Boye from the Southeast and Mr. Frank Linton from the Northwest District. Mrs. Lois Holmes was elected National Vice-President, and Mr. Henry Hotchener, representing the Southwest District, and Dr. Henry Smith, the Central District, were elected to the Board. Miss Caroline Tess was appointed last year as National Secretary to replace Miss Ann Kerr when she left for Adyar. Mr. Edwin Lord was re-appointed National Treasurer.

Membership.—We have pushed ahead with our Lodge building programme this year through the Spotlight Field Expansion activity. Three new Lodges have been created by this effort and a fourth has been added by the activity of the Northern California Federation. They are : Lakeland, Florida ; Lincoln, Nebraska ; Omaha, Nebraska ; Fresno, California. Two official Study Centres have been formed at Olympia, Washington and Waterloo, Iowa. The Section now comprises 144 Lodges with a membership of 4,008. Three hundred and forty new members have joined the Society during the year, 70 members have been reinstated and 3 transfers made to this Section from other Sections. Deaths numbered 64, resignations 53, those transferred to the inactive list 339, and four transferred to other Sections. Several years ago on a national scale we began the programme of building new Lodges,

drawing upon the strength of the Section for our resources. Through the activity, called the Spotlight, we have added 25 new Lodges out of 34 attempts, and 459 members to the Society's rolls. This record includes many intangible factors and represents, I believe, a substantial growth.

Finances.—The major portion of our budgeted deficit this year was covered by special donations and bequests, but not all of it. It appears at the time of this report that we must draw upon our surplus for approximately \$4,375 not covered by annual income. It is because the Section's general dues cannot provide sufficient income to balance the necessary expenses that we must depend upon special contributions.

Headquarters Estate.—During the year the National Headquarters has benefited from the programme of repair and replacement to be expected when a building has reached its quarter-century mark. The carpeting begun last year has now been completed. The re-upholstering of chairs has proceeded. The road so badly in need of repair has been re-surfaced, and the needed flashing on the slate roof taken care of.

National Field Programme.—After the Summer Sessions last year, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Cook visited various Lodges in Canada and our own Midwest and Southwest. Driving to the West Coast before embarking for Adyar, they visited Western Lodges and the Pacific Coast Federations. In February of this year, Mr. N. Sri Ram, beginning in New York, toured the East Coast to Miami, Florida, and from there to the Cuban

Section. He returned along the Gulf Coast and Midwest to Olcott. After speaking on several occasions in the Chicago area, Mr. Sri Ram's tour took him to the West Coast and Canada, returning to Olcott via Billings, Minneapolis and St. Paul as our honoured guest at the Summer Sessions this year. During the autumn, the National President and Mrs. Perkins began the lecture season by visiting cities in the Middle-Atlantic, the Northeast, Western New York and Michigan Federations. Following this, they visited the Northwest Federation and Canada and later the West Coast Conference held at San Francisco. Acting upon the motion made at the last annual meeting, the National President left for India early in December fulfilling on the way speaking engagements in Paris and Bombay. He returned to this country by air, accompanying Mr. Sri Ram and his daughter, Miss Radha Sri Ram. In the Spring he and Mrs. Perkins toured by automobile the Lodges of the Southeast and Midwest. Mrs. Iris White toured the Ohio, Michigan and Middle Atlantic Federations. Mr. Seymour Ballard has contacted Lodges in the Midwest, South, the Southwest and the West Coast and Canada. Mrs. Nedra Ruder has carried out the Spotlight programme working in Florida and the Midwest.

The Theosophical Press.—The Theosophical Press reports Gross Sales for the year approximating the sales of last year. The operations of the Press continue on a profitable basis. To meet the demand for suggested reading for children, an illustrated catalogue was multilithed and distributed, which has stimulated the sale of children's books.

The Adyar Theosophist.—An increasing number of members are recognizing through subscriptions to *The Theosophist* the valuable link they are thus afforded with Adyar, and through Adyar with Theosophical activities and thought throughout the world.

The American Theosophist.—The magazine has continued publication in its usual format.

National Library.—During the past fiscal year a total of 2,497 books were issued to borrowers. Each new member of the Society was contacted by the Librarian. One hundred and twenty new books were added to the Library which now consists of 10,345 volumes.

Publicity: Department of Information.—The Department of Information now directed by Mrs. Mary McCain, has added 40 new members to our roll this year and 41 subscribers to the National Library. An increase in interest in Theosophy was especially noticeable in some of our State Prisons. Over 16,000 "To Those Who Mourn" pamphlets were distributed in the United States and Canada. Ninety thousand copies of *Discovery* were distributed during the year by Lodges to their mailing lists.

Letters to Editors.—The National Headquarters periodically sends to all Lodge Presidents suggested letters to be mailed to the Editors of their local newspapers covering various subjects of public interest such as "World Day for Animals", "Brotherhood Week," "Christmas," "United Nations Day." These have been used so successfully that it is planned to send out additional letters on special publicly recognized days.

Radio and Television.—Radio has been used during the year for advertising lectures and classes. Series of radio programmes have been put on in various localities. We have reports of a successful series broadcast over station KTMS in Santa Barbara, California. Also Miss Olga Kaufmann has continued this year her broadcasting of Theosophy over WTPS in New Orleans. A pamphlet has been published incorporating six of these broadcasts. The response from listeners to these programmes is reported gratifying. Radio interviews are often scheduled for field workers during

the course of their tours. It is apparent that this means of promulgating the work will expand as time goes on.

Brotherhood Stamp Project.—The Stamp, introduced last year, has had a circulation of over 140,000. We have heard of two groups who are studying Theosophy as a result of the Stamp's circulation. A free announcement of the Stamp in a nationally known magazine called "Stamp" has resulted in orders from stamp collectors. These Stamps have passed through many thousands of hands this last year, bearing the word "Theosophy" linked with the ideal of Brotherhood.

Educational Programme.—Important to the educational programme are the annual sessions of the Convention, the Summer School and other meetings held at National Headquarters. There are also the programmes at the camps maintained at Orcas and Pumpkin Hollow. Last year it was agreed to change the designation of "Workers' Training" to "Workers' Conference".

Study Courses.—For use in the Lodge class work we continue to make available from Headquarters a number of study courses, the titles of which are grouped in the free leaflet entitled "Study Courses in Theosophy."

Integrated Education.—Certainly our educational task includes the earnest search to integrate modern thought and the ancient wisdom as a service to the world and to mankind. Those who are interested in this integrative effort will find stimulating the activities of the Foundation for Integrated Education. The material may be obtained through contacting Mr. Fritz Kunz.

Olcott Foundation.—The Olcott Foundation is instituted to encourage a creative application of the principles of Theosophy to various expressions of Art. This year's awards are made as follows: *The Olcott Lecture Award* to Mrs. Virginia Hanson of Washington, D. C., for her lecture entitled: "The

Divine Autobiography—A Universal Best Seller." The *Poetry Award* was given to Mrs. A. J. Gouffe of Pumpkin Hollow Farm, Craryville, New York, for her poem entitled "The Enduring Harvest"; and an award was made in the *Musical Composition Division* to Mrs. Nada Hoffman of Trenton, Missouri.

The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind.—Mrs. Flavia B. Snyder reports that the year of 1950 has seen a general increase in the demand for occult literature in Braille. Twenty-eight new readers and fourteen new libraries have been added to the mailing list and five old readers have officially joined the Theosophical Society in America. A booth for Theosophical books in Braille at the Ventura County Fair was a new project this year and attracted crowds of very interested observers.

Theosophical Book Gift Institute reports a further increase of activity this year both in the number of libraries contacted and in the number of books placed. Last year the libraries visited numbered 509 and the number of books donated totalled 2,622. But this year 3,057 Theosophical books have been placed in 630 libraries.

Theosophical Order of Service.—Mrs. Diana Winslow of El Cajon, California, was appointed the new Chief Brother of the Theosophical Order of Service in December. A new handbook has been published and mailed to all Lodge Presidents and group Head Brothers, and a set of new rules in regard to T. O. S. groups has been sent out. A small mimeographed bulletin named "Chit Chat" has been mailed to all T. O. S. members and all Lodge Presidents.

Mother's Research Group.—The "Mothers' Occult Digest" has appeared in three printed issues and two offset numbers prepared during the year. The Publication Department is offering two Manuals for Teachers (or Parents) of Children's Classes in

Theosophy, one for children of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades, and the other for children of the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades. Two additional manuals are contemplated for children of the middle grades and for the artistically inclined child. Various committees were reported active, among which are the Natural Childbirth Committee, the Health Committee, and the Institute in Family Living.

Twenty-one volunteer helpers have co-operated in carrying out this work under the direction of Mrs. Muriel Lewis. A like number have promised to contribute services for the coming year. Contacts have been made with members living in various parts of the world who are particularly interested in this kind of work. Efforts are underway to improve the finances of the group through the sale of various booklets and manuals and a Baby Bazaar.

Adyar.—The National programme is not complete unless it is linked with the International Society and its headquarters at Adyar. It must be part of our programme to keep these links vital. There are several ways in which we are doing this. One of these is to encourage workers from this Section to visit the International Centre, particularly to make it possible for the General Secretary periodically to meet with other members of the General Council by attending a Convention there. Adyar has created the School of the Wisdom which affords definite advantages to students visiting from abroad. Our Section has initiated a plan to send one member each year to the School. This plan began functioning last year, financed by the Theosophical Scholarship Fund which was founded out of monies so generously

donated from the membership at the time of the accident to the National President. It made possible our Section's sending its first official representative to the School, Miss Ann Kerr, who is back with us and will be sharing through her visits to the Lodges something of the wider contacts she has experienced. The balance remaining in the Scholarship Fund, after Miss Kerr's expenses were met, has been used to help Mr. E. Norman Pearson's visit to the School this year. We look forward to next year with the Fund depleted. If the plan so well begun is to continue, we must give that Fund our attention. The School offers an outstanding opportunity to create links with Adyar and to assist in this way the creating of future workers for the Society.

Adyar Day Fund and A. B. C. Fund.—There are two other Funds that provide opportunity for helping the International Headquarters. The First is the Adyar Day Fund and the other is the A. B. C. Fund which will help to secure the future of Adyar. The proportionate goal of the American Section for the A.B.C. Fund was set at \$80,000 of which \$29,450 have been contributed.

Such are the essential highlights of the work done during the past year. Space and time are not available to do more than touch upon them, and we should here remember the numberless unreported tasks and projects carried out by individuals and groups of members so unselfishly and devotedly in the 145 active lodges located throughout our country.

JAMES S. PERKINS,
General Secretary

ENGLAND

During the year there has been a change of General Secretary, as in April the National Council elected Mr. C. R. Groves to succeed Mrs. Doris Groves.

Seventeen members from this Section, including the General Secretary, attended the 75th Annual Convention at Adyar, and the work of the Section profits greatly by the added inspiration with which they returned. A special three-day Conference was held at Headquarters to coincide with the International Convention, taking as the theme: "Theosophy: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow".

London members had a short but very enjoyable visit from Mr. N. Sri Ram on his journey from India to the United States in January. He was accompanied by Miss Radha Sri Ram and Mr. James Perkins. Srimati Rukmini Arundale came later in the year: in July, for the European Federation Council meetings, and in September, when she lectured to a number of Lodges in the North-Western Federation and in London, and attracted large and appreciative audiences.

The usual Federation Conferences and Group Meetings were held by the seven Federations into which the country is divided. There were also two Easter Study Weekends at Lyme Park near Stockport and at Oxford respectively, and a Students' Weekend in Camberley in June. The Annual Convention took place at Whitsuntide, and although there was no Guest of Honour, there was an attendance of between 450 and 500 members. In addition to speakers from this Section, there were addresses by Miss Helen Zahara, Recording Secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearson of U.S.A. and the Rt. Rev. Otto Viking of Denmark.

In July the Council of the European Federation met in Camberley, and a reception was held at Headquarters

for visitors from abroad on the Friday preceding the meeting. A new venture was begun in Camberley earlier in the year by the establishment of a permanent camping site, for the general purpose of enlarging accommodation on Tekels Park Estate, and the particular purpose of attracting children and young people to the work of the Society. Following the European Federation Council meetings there was a Round Table Camp for ten days, to which children came from various parts of the country, and also from abroad.

In August there was a Summer School in Hoddesdon, Herts, attended by about a hundred and thirty members during the fortnight, at which we were pleased to welcome members from Wales, Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand and Switzerland. Members of this Section also attended Summer Schools in Denmark, France and Finland, and visited Huizen, Holland, during the summer.

The Blavatsky lecture for the year, *Man, the Creator of Forms*, was given by V. Wallace Slater, and this, together with another booklet by the same author, *Cosmic Creation and Atomic Energy*, was published by the Theosophical Publishing House (London) Ltd. The members of the Theosophical Research Centre also published a pamphlet *This Dynamic Universe: A Study in Fohat*, and the Theosophical Publishing House reprinted *Fairies*, by E. L. Gardner, *Meditation for Beginners*, by J. I. Wedgwood, and *Self Realization through Yoga and Mysticism*, by Josephine Ransom.

The Study and Training Committee of the National Council continued to work on a new Study Course on Meditation, to be issued later in the year. These study courses are well taken up by the Lodges. 550 copies of the Advanced Study Course and nearly

400 of the Course on Universal Life and Law have been sold.

The work of sending to Europe parcels of clothing and food given by members has continued at Headquarters, though the volume has greatly decreased. Parcels have gone to members in Poland, Yugoslavia and to Displaced Persons Camps in Germany. Preparatory work has also been done to arouse members' interest in the Olcott Harijan School in Adyar, and arrangements are being made to send both money and clothing.

United Nations Day was celebrated by a public meeting held at Headquarters, at which a member of the Executive Committee of the U.N.A. was invited to speak. Similar meetings were held throughout the country in the larger Lodges.

Three more sections of the *Headquarters Library* have been re-catalogued, making eleven in all. Library work continues to be one of the most lively activities throughout the country, and many thousands of members and enquirers make use of the facilities for borrowing offered by Headquarters and most of the Lodges.

We have had another small decrease in membership this year, but one does not feel that this is due in any way to a decrease in the life of the Section. Membership is 3,313 in 116 Lodges. Lodges and individual members throughout the country continue to contribute a volume of devoted work, which is an inspiration to all by whom it is contacted.

C. R. GROVES,
General Secretary.

INDIA

The Indian Section was chartered as a separate Section of the Theosophical Society in 1891 and so during this year it completes its 60th year of existence. The history of the last sixty years is full of fascinating incidents in which some of the most prominent leaders of the Theosophical Movement have been active participants.

As we look back on these sixty years so many individuals come to our mind—those who by their devotion and self-sacrifice have contributed to the enrichment of the Theosophical Society. On the occasion when we are celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of the Indian Section, let us remember them with utmost gratitude for all that they did for the cause of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society in this country.

The scope of work for the Theosophical Society in India is very great

indeed. In fact never was there a more opportune time for spreading the message of Theosophy in India than today, for in the midst of doubt and confusion which prevail in individual and social life, men and women are now in search of some steadying ideological influence.

The President has outlined to us the path we must tread during the years that lie before us. On the occasion of the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Indian Section, we can do no better than to perceive the path along which we must move during the coming years.

National Tours.—The President was out of India during the major part of the year, touring in Australia and New Zealand. But during his stay in India he presided over the Tamil Districts Federation at Coimbatore and also the Bombay Theosophical Federation. He opened the Indian Section Convention

at Adyar in December 1950. We are indeed very grateful to the President for all the help and inspiration he has given us in our work in India.

Mr. N. Sri Ram who was out of India for the major part of the year, being on a strenuous lecture tour in the United States of America, was able to visit only the Bombay Lodges.

Shrimati Rukmini Devi visited during the year Madura, Karur, Salem, Tanjore and Tinnevely Lodges in the Tamil Federation in connection with the Kalakshetra tour, but at all these places she gave lectures and talks under the auspices of the Theosophical Lodges. She also addressed meetings of the members of these Lodges. She also visited Bombay Lodges during the year and presided over the Youth Camp which was organized at Juhu.

Shrimati Shridevi Mehta and I were invited by the East African Section to tour that country for Theosophical work. Accordingly we spent three months visiting 27 places in different parts of East Africa addressing public meetings and starting new centres of Theosophical work.

In the course of the year we visited Bombay, Patna, Ahmedabad, Bellary, Hospet, Madras, Vellore, Salem, Krishnagiri, Coimbatore, Pollachi, Dindigul, Madura, Karur, Trichinopoly, Sivaganga, Ujjain, Indore, Dewas, Bhopal, and Etawah.

Shrimati Bhagirathi Sri Ram visited Lodges in Bombay where she gave

talks to members and the public. Sri M. Subramaniam visited during the year Bombay, Poona, Bellary, Hospet, Vellore, Sivaganga, Trichinopoly and Coimbatore Lodges.

Mr. Henry van de Poll visited during the year Lucknow, Bareilly, Rishikesh, Aligarh, Ludhiana, Jullundur and Delhi Lodges. He has been able to explore possibilities of establishing new centres of Theosophical work in the Indian Punjab.

Sri U. G. Krishnamurti, the National Lecturer of the Indian Section, visited during the year Lodges in the Bombay, Gujarati, Tamil, Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Circars Federations.

During the year Sri Keshavchandra Bhadbhade, the field worker of the Indian Section, made an intensive tour of the Uttar Pradesh Federation.

Membership.—We had on 30th September 1951, 6,838 members on the roll of the Indian Section.

We had to remove from our records 455 members who had come to India from Pakistan after the partition but whom we have not been able to trace so far. When India and Pakistan were separated and the Theosophical Society in Pakistan was established, all the members of Pakistan Lodges, who were not in Pakistan, were believed to have come to India. We had, therefore, transferred their names to the Indian Section. For the last three years we have been trying to find their present whereabouts but so far we have not been able to locate these 455 members.

MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

1950—1951

Federation	Previous Year	Members on 1 Oct. '50	Add			Total	Deduct			Total on 1 Oct. '51	Men	Women		
			New	Revived	Died		Re-signed	Dropped out						
Andhra Circars	...	1028	1025	100	T R 12	1137	15	...	T R 1	78	1043	831	212	
Bengal	...	202	201	22	1	1	225	7	1	...	15	202	178	24
Bihar	...	287	294	50	...	3	347	11	...	...	45	291	262	29
Bombay	...	393	393	15	1	5	414	3	...	3	10	398	198	200
C.I. and Rajputana	...	232	244	29	...	8	281	1	...	...	16	264	205	59
Delhi	...	126	127	14	...	...	141	1	...	1	18	121	105	16
Gujarati	...	752	747	46	2	13	808	6	...	10	35	757	556	201
Karnataka	...	770	774	52	...	5	831	7	...	...	59	765	542	223
Kerala	...	120	119	24	...	1	144	2	...	1	32	109	86	23
Marathi	...	234	250	14	1	1	266	4	2	7	14	239	192	47
Rayalaseema	..	487	480	70	...	12	562	4	...	2	53	503	411	92
Tamil	...	793	798	161	7	30	996	11	5	1	51	928	800	128
Uttar Pradesh	...	594	629	69	...	6	704	3	1	...	53	647	518	129
Headquarters Lodge	...	630	670	12	...	12	694	6	4	1	455*	228	186	42
Youth	...	485	382	42	...	2	426	1	10	9	63	343	241	102
Total	...	7133	7133	720	12	117	7976	82	23	36	997	6838	5311	1527

* These 455 members were supposed to have migrated to India, after the partition, from Pakistan. We have been trying to trace them for the last three years. But as they are not to be traced we are forced to drop them this year from our membership roll.

With reference to the increase of membership, the Tamil Federation comes first with 161 new members and 30 revived memberships. The second in this list is the Andhra Circars Federation with 100 new members and 12 revivals. We find that apart from the Youth Federation, which obviously consists of young people, most of the adult Federations have been able to attract quite a large number of young

people to the membership of the Theosophical Society.

Lodges and Centres.—During the year 11 new Lodges have been formed, two Centres have been raised to the status of Lodge and 8 dormant Lodges have been revived. The new Lodges formed are as follows:

Dehri in Bihar; Bhopal in Madhya Bharat; a new Ahmedabad Lodge and Tarapur in Gujarat;

Chilamathur in Rayalaseema; Thiagarayanagar and Sellappapalayam in Tamil; a new Lodge in Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh; Jallundur in Indian Punjab; Jyoti and Sirius Youth Lodges in Bombay and Madras respectively.

The revived Lodges are :

Srikakulam in Andhra Circars; Fyzabad and Mathura in Uttar Pradesh; Arni, Chidambaram, Palni, Tuticorin and Vridhachalam in Tamil area.

Centres raised to the status of Lodges are :

Peddappudi in Andhra Circars and Shuklatirtha in Gujarat.

In the course of this year 12 new Centres have been formed. These are :

Bhiravaram, Cowravaram, Ichhapuram and Kondapalle in Andhra Circars; Garoth and Ajmer in Madhya-Bharat-Rajputana; Jamnagar in Gujarat; Kohir in Rayalaseema; Chettipalayam, Somanthurai and Tirukattupalli in Tamil and Oel in Uttar Pradesh.

In the course of the year we have removed the following six Lodges from our roll as they have showed no signs of activity for a number of years :

Lodges: Bimilipatam in Andhra Circars; Goona in Madhya Bharat; Vishwanathpur in Rayalaseema; Pratapgarh and Tundla in Uttar Pradesh and Poona Youth Lodge.

On 1st October 1951, we have on the roll of the Indian Section 362 active Lodges.

The Publication Scheme.—When we were in East Africa we found that there was from the people a great demand for Theosophical books in English and in several Indian languages. We discussed with the members there a scheme for publications of Theosophical books in Hindi and Gujarati as these are the two languages spoken there by a large number of Indians. Those who were present when this

scheme was discussed immediately agreed to starting a Private Limited Company for undertaking this publication work. For this purpose the members in East Africa raised a share capital of Rs. 40,000/-. We have now started this Limited concern with the nominal capital of Rs. 100,000/- and the issued capital of Rs. 50,000/-. Some of the members of the Indian Section have subscribed to this scheme. This company has been called The Ananda Prakashan Limited. It has already started its work with the publication of a Hindi monthly journal called *Ananda*.

Correspondence Course in Theosophy.—During the year, we introduced a Correspondence Course in Theosophy for those desirous of carrying on a systematic study of Theosophy. I am very happy to inform the members of the Indian Section that more than 400 students from different parts of India have enrolled themselves for this Course. Thus the Course has become a National Study Class in Theosophy. In 1952 we shall have to split up this Course into two—the Advanced and the Elementary, as there are quite a larger number of youth members from adult Lodges who have enrolled themselves as students of this Course.

Theosophy Campaign Fund.—Our work at the Section and the Federation levels is two-fold : (i) To send out more and more lecturers and organizers to various Lodges and also to open up new Centres of Theosophical work; and (ii) To make our journals more effective. We want 200 members in the Indian Section who would be willing to pay each Rs. 100/- a year for the coming five years.

The Besant Theosophical School.—The Besant Theosophical School, Banaras, was started in 1939 under the inspiration of Dr. Arundale who was then the President of the Theosophical Society. During the last 12 years it has made remarkable progress. Starting as

a very small institution, consisting of about 25 students, it has now grown into a very big institution of more than 700 students. Sri N. V. Tampi is its Principal. For the last three years the School has been self-supporting so far as its recurring expenditure is concerned. Thus it is no longer a financial burden to the Indian Section.

The Indian Book Shop.—The Indian Book Shop continues to be under the Managership of Sri G. R. Venkatram assisted by Sri R. C. Verma.

It had during the year a gross turnover of Rs. 17,349/- by way of sale of books, magazines, stationery, photos, etc., of which a substantial amount represents sale of Theosophical books and pamphlets in English and in Hindi. The sale of the School Basic Textbook undertaken for publication during the previous year continued this year also until the entire edition of 25,000 copies was completely sold out. This undertaking resulted in a net profit of Rs. 1,093 to the Book Shop.

During the year the following publications were brought out by the Book Shop: 1. A Hindi Translation of C. Jinarājadāsa's "The Nature of Mysticism", by Rai Bahadur Panda Baijnath, B.A.; 2. A Hindi translation of "Practical Occultism", by Ravi Sharan Verma, B.A., B.L.; and 3. A Hindi translation of "The Doctrine of the Heart" by Ravi Sharan Verma, B.A., B.L.

The demand for Hindi books, particularly in elementary Theosophy, is on the increase; and the Indian Book Shop looks forward to the development of the new concern—The Anand Prakashan, Ltd., so that it may have for handling and distribution more and more Hindi books.

Indian Section Headquarters.—Work at the Indian Section Headquarters is proceeding as usual. The Executive Committee of the Indian Section, in accordance with the new constitution, appointed Sri G. R. Venkatram as Treasurer of the Indian Section. This has indeed been a very wise choice for Sri G. R. Venkatram is well qualified to discharge responsible duties as Treasurer. His appointment as Treasurer has relieved me of much work. I have been able to go out on tours during this year because Sri G. R. Venkatram acted for me during my absence over and above discharging his duties as Treasurer. I am very grateful to him for all his assistance.

In the Indian Section Office we have Shrimati Savitri Advani, Sri N. K. Bhide, Mr. Henry van de Poll and Sri Ramnath Dandekar to look after the various sections of the office work.

The Indian Section Library was, during the year, under the charge of Sri S. A. Hajare.

Sri Damodar Prasad continues to give his wise and experienced guidance in the work of Estate management. He is in charge of the Buildings as well as the Garden.

Sri M. P. Nagar looks after the Sanitation and the Watch and Ward departments and also carries out duties as Custodian of Properties.

At the Indian Section Headquarters there are three Lodges of the Theosophical Society—the Kashi Tattva Sabha, the Arundale Lodge and the Annie Besant Youth Lodge.

I thank all my colleagues for the assistance they have given me in all my work as General Secretary.

ROHIT MEHTA,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

The event of the year 1951 has been the visit of the President, Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa, who spent six months in Australia and was the central figure of Convention in April. He arrived at Fremantle on February 27, looked in on the Lodges on the way round to Sydney, arriving March 8; presided over Convention, either personally or by deputy, March 22-26, and remained in Sydney until August 17 except for a five-weeks round of New Zealand, April 19-May 27, a special visit to Brisbane, June 14-23, and to Melbourne June 30-July 9. Leaving Sydney finally on August 17, he addressed the members in each Lodge—Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth—and sailed from Fremantle on August 28 for India.

The President came from Adyar enveloped in all the afflatus of the 75th Jubilee Convention, and at the opening of the Australian Convention suffused the proceedings with the Adyar spirit and the blessings of the Elder Brethren. His opening address on Good Friday was a masterly survey of civilization, stressing the need for a universal morality to be established by Theosophists. He gave us to understand that the inner side of our work as Theosophists is to set up a steel frame-work of the United Nations, and he assigned to Australian Theosophists the task of changing in the next 25 years the political atmosphere of the country in the light of our mystical ideals, for "in your charge is the future of Australia."

The President delivered four addresses during Convention, including the opening above mentioned in the Savoy Theatre, and the closing address on Easter Monday at The Manor, urging the Lodges to be enveloped in the idea of "Advance Australia."

The President certainly gave a spiritual magnificence and depth to the proceedings. This was all in spite of

indifferent health when he arrived, though his general tone had greatly improved by the time of his departure.

The proposal to incorporate the Section, resolved upon at the 1949 Convention, was withdrawn at this Convention in the interests of expediency and harmony, and it was decided to make certain amendments in the rules of the Trust Company, which holds property for the Section, as a present substitute for incorporation.

Section dues were increased from 13/- to 18/- for attached members and from 19/- to 24/- for unattached. The increase was necessitated by rising costs.

The Arundale Lecture Competition was won by Miss Freda Rogers, South Australia, with an essay entitled: "Theosophy, A Light in Our Darkness."

During Convention an Australian Theosophical Arts Group was formed with branches in most of the States.

Membership.—The Section membership stands on 30th September 1951 at 1102 as against 1050 in 1950, an increase of 52.

Lodges.—In October 1950 a Lodge was formed at Cairns in North Queensland, near to Atherton Lodge founded six months previously. Cairns is the phoenix of a Lodge which existed there half a century ago. There are now 16 Lodges in the Section. Melbourne has 314 members, Blavatsky Lodge, Sydney, has 301 and the three Sydney Lodges together 331.

Young Theosophists have an efficient group in Sydney who join in Lodge work. A revival in other Centres is taking place, due to travelling lecturers' visits.

Among important people who have passed over are: Mr. Ian Davidson, Rt. Rev. Stanley S. Fisher and Mrs. Lily M. Hynes.

Propaganda.—Mr. Harry H. Banks, returning from Adyar, spent about a month with each of the Lodges from Perth to Brisbane, and went up north as far as Cairns and Atherton. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson is also touring the Lodges, and after a successful season in Sydney, Perth and Adelaide, had in September reached Melbourne, opening to an audience of 700 in the Freemasons' Hall and 300 in the T.S. lecture hall, both in Collins Street. Melbourne has a name for large audiences and has sustained that reputation with Mr. Hodson. At the same time he is broadcasting every Sunday night for twenty weeks from 2GB Sydney with recordings which he made before leaving Sydney for the west.

Some of his radio talks are being printed as pamphlets.

Broadcasting.—Station 2GB Sydney on August 26 celebrated the 25th jubilee of its founding in 1926, the General Secretary adding to the usual 15-minute programme a five-minute story of the opening of the Station and its Theosophical origin and purposes. He gave credit to Dr. Arundale who visualized the Station and had it working within four months. Mr. Davidge is the only living person present at the opening who is still connected with the Station's output. The Theosophical broadcasts continue every Sunday night at 9.30 under a long-term contract.

J. L. DAVIDGE,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

The Theosophical life in the Capital of Sweden is at present full of activities. Three Lodges have their own meetings once a week or more and besides there are public lectures, members' meetings when all come together, study classes, and special group meetings. Also in several places outside Stockholm Lodges are meeting regularly and giving public lectures, but there are also Lodges in the countryside where activities are very small.

It is felt to be the most important task for the near future to encourage especially the work in those last mentioned parts of the country, and to try to vivify Lodges with little activity. To some degree this has been tried during the year under report when the General Secretary and other Theosophist-speakers have visited some of the Lodges. Though difficulties are considerable this is continued.

During the first week of July this summer the Section had its Summer School combined with Convention. Guests and main speakers were

Mrs. Adelaide Gardner and Mr. Sidney Ransom from England. With most interesting lectures and talks they made the Summer School an inspiring event. About 40 people attended the whole Summer School and some 20 came for Convention day. Several non-members attended and there was great interest on the part of the leaders and the staff of the place, which is the centre of a diet reform movement.

A Scandinavian gathering was held this year in "Gammel Praestegaard" where Srimati Rukmini Devi and Mr. Sidney Ransom were the Guests of Honour. It was an interesting experience for those present to take part in this Summer School, which had no set programme but followed its own line from day to day.

A group of Swedes attended this gathering, while others went to the Council meetings in Camberley, to the German Summer School in Rendsburg and to Huizen. Two Swedish members had the privilege of attending the

Jubilee Convention at Adyar in December 1950.

The 75 years Jubilee of the Society and the Theosophical Movement was celebrated in Stockholm, together with the Pasadena (Covina) Society.

Activities in Stockholm in the autumn of 1951 were started by a series of Theosophical lectures in a public hall situated in a part of the city where Theosophists have not been active previously. The audience was not as large as on similar occasions but many new contacts were made.

A Russian-speaking group of some 20 people has been meeting in Headquarters for Theosophical lectures and discussions at different times during the Spring and is now meeting regularly once a week. In one of the Lodges of Stockholm a Youth Group has been formed. A young person is leader of the Group and they usually invite one older member and ask him all sorts of questions on Theosophy.

Due to increased prices a special effort has been necessary in order to

balance the budget of the Section. An appeal was made to the members for a voluntary extra fee, which raised the sum of the yearly fees by about a fourth.

The General Secretary, Curt Berg, was re-elected in March, for another term of two years.

The Magazine "Teosofisk Tidskrift" has been issued as usual with 9 issues a year. It goes to members, subscribers, to many public libraries and the like, and is now and then sent to sympathizers.

The Book Department has been given much interest by members and the public.

There are 19 Lodges in the Section. During the year under report 41 new members joined the Section and 8 have left. That means an increase of 33, which makes a total number of 390 at the end of the year.

CURT BERG,

General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

The most important event in the year's activities has been the visit of our President, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa. Arriving on 23rd April, he visited the Lodges in the four main cities, covering a period of 30 days and giving in all 26 addresses. Everywhere our members were keyed up to the occasion, and many journeyed into the main cities, coming long distances from Lodges all over New Zealand. Publicity for the visit was everywhere excellent for the public work, with resultant good attendances at all lectures. Audiences ranged from 750 in the larger cities to 250 to 500 in the others. A successful recording was made of one of the lectures, "The Search for the Soul"; it comprises

a set of 7 records which have been made available to the Lodges. The President left on 24th May for Sydney.

Another highlight of the year was the official representation of our National Society at the 75th International Convention at Adyar, by myself as General Secretary together with eight of our members. Four of us journeyed earlier to Adyar to attend the School of the Wisdom for several months. Such visits of members act as an inspiration to the Section and make stronger the links with our International Headquarters.

Annual Convention.—The 54th Annual Convention of the New Zealand Section met in Auckland and was coincident with the big Convention

at Adyar. It took for its keynote the injunction from the Letter of the Maha Chohan, 1881, "We have to preach and popularise a knowledge of Theosophy".

In her report as Principal of Vasanta Garden School Miss B. H. Darroch said, "... with all confidence and sincerity I can assure you that, with your sustained efforts and the devoted services of our teachers, we have built a sound foundation for a school worthy of a respected place amongst the new educational endeavours of our country. . . . We close this year with a roll number of 100." A very satisfactory report was received from the Government Inspector who on his visit to the School said to Miss Darroch, "You are doing here in this School what we hope the public schools will do in the future."

Membership.—The membership as at 30th September, 1951, is 941 showing a gain of 16 members for the year. The Section has sixteen Lodges and one Centre.

Publicity.—Five thousand copies of Mr. C. Jinarajadāsa's "Ideas of Theosophy" were published for the visit of the President and distributed by the Lodges at all public meetings.

Each new member on joining the Section receives, in addition to his diploma and letter from the President: (1) "Addresses to New Members", T.P.H., 1950, (2) "The Maha Chohan's Letter, 1881," (3) "At the Feet of the Master", (4) A Lodge of the Theosophical Society", by Annie Besant, (5) "The Golden Stairs" card.

For propaganda work the Lodges use in the main a Section publication "Information for Enquirers" and C. W. Leadbeater's "An Outline of Theosophy". Our International magazine, "The Theosophist", is sent free to the public libraries in the four main cities.

"*Theosophy in New Zealand*".—Through the Section Journal we keep

members well informed in regard to the work of the Society generally and of our National Society particularly. It is sent free to every member.

Mr. Geoffrey Hodson.—After an unbroken period of ten years as a lecturer in the New Zealand field, Mr. Hodson accepted an invitation to tour for seven months in the Australian States, where he has been doing splendid work with his large public audiences. He will return to New Zealand for the New Zealand Convention in December, and will next year, 1952, halve his time between Australia and New Zealand. He has tentatively accepted an invitation to make a nine months tour in U.S.A. in 1953.

Mr. H. H. Banks.—New Zealand members warmly welcomed Mr. H. H. Banks back in September after an absence of two years. His residence at Adyar, experience of India generally, and a six months tour in Australia have given rich experience making him well equipped to take up again the work as a lecturer in New Zealand.

Members visiting Adyar.—Mrs. W. Crawford will be our representative at the School of the Wisdom in its third year, and will officially represent the Section at the Seventy-sixth International Convention, Banaras. Accompanying Mrs. Crawford is Mrs. Gudrun Milliken who has accepted the invitation of the President to act as Superintendent of Leadbeater Chambers.

Obituary.—The Theosophical Society in New Zealand has lost one of its finest and oldest workers by the passing away on 3rd July, 1951 of Mr. D. W. M. Burn, M.A., at the age of 89 years. Mr. Burn was a member of Dunedin Lodge for fifty-two years; he was an outstanding figure in the early days and one of the finest class-leaders the Society in New Zealand has ever known. He contributed greatly to the work and trained many as lecturers, writers and class-leaders.

The Section owes him a great debt of gratitude for foundations well laid and for his unswerving loyalty to the leaders and to the work. Mr. Burn was by profession a teacher but it was as a poet that he was best known to the general public in New Zealand.

Publication.—Books by New Zealand members published by the T.P.H. this year have been "Reincarnation, Fact or Fallacy?" by Geoffrey Hodson and "Fifteen Stories" by Harry H. Banks. Both are having a good sale in New Zealand.

As General Secretary I have, since returning to New Zealand, made an extensive tour of the Lodges. Talks on "The World Significance of Adyar" and on "The School of the Wisdom" have everywhere created great interest among the members and stimulated in many the wish to some day go as a student to the School of the Wisdom.

Public lectures, and talks to Rotary and Women's organizations, on "India and her Unique Contribution to the Problem of World Peace", have met with a very fine response.

Those disruptive forces which are at work throughout the world have made a storm centre in New Zealand this year. Prolonged strikes and a general political upheaval have dislocated the whole life of the country, causing much suffering and bitterness. To meet this challenge it becomes imperative to spread more widely the age-old truths of Theosophy and offset the materialistic outlook of the day by a spiritual conception of the Universe. It is this which is the pre-eminent work of the Theosophical Society in New Zealand.

E. HUNT,

General Secretary.

NETHERLANDS

The year ending 30th September 1951 has been a rather eventful one for this Section. Realizing that the Diamond Jubilee of the Society should receive due consideration, not only in the heart of the Society, Adyar, but also in the limbs, in the Netherlands plans had been made to celebrate the event by a *Jubilee Exhibition*. It took shape under the motto: *The Unity of the Religions* and was held in the building of the Lodge *den Haag* from 4th to 16th November, 1950. The event proved very successful, and the Section may look back on the experiment with the greatest satisfaction. One of the distinguished visitors at the opening of the Exhibition was the Ambassador for India, Dr. Mohan Singh Mehta, who delivered a speech in which he expressed his warm appreciation for the work done by the Theosophical Society in India

and elsewhere, and gave the assurance of his great admiration for Dr. Annie Besant, whom he had known personally, and who was looked upon by the Indians as one of their great leaders.

The Exhibition was visited by about 1800 persons, not counting the visitors to the 5 public lectures which were given within the framework of *The Unity of the Religions*. For 12 successive days the Universal Temple of the Religions stood as a radiating centre of Beauty and Wisdom in the Residency of the Netherlands.

Two days after the close of the Exhibition a Jubilee Convention was opened at the Capital of the Netherlands, Amsterdam. The Mayor of this city was present at the event and he expressed the hope that the Society would be able to contribute much to the realization of Unity amongst the peoples of our globe. The Convention

lasted for $2\frac{1}{2}$ days and was a worthy end to a two-weeks period of Jubilee celebration, which proved a source of inspiration to our workers.

The General Secretary, Prof. van der Ley, was present at the Jubilee Convention at Adyar, where he delivered one of the public lectures.

In May 1951 our Annual Convention was held at Arnhem. The great event of this occasion was the presence of Srimati Rukmini Devi, who interrupted her stay in France to make it possible to attend this Convention. During

her stay in Holland this summer she also delivered a lecture at the University of Utrecht, and gave a dance performance at the Residency of den Haag.

On the island of Texel, due North of the province of Noord-Holland, a Theosophical camp for children was organized by the Section, which proved a great success.

The membership as on 30th September was 1704, with 36 Lodges.

J. W. VAN DER LEY,
General Secretary.

FRANCE

In considering the number of members compared with that of last year, it has to be remembered that during this period the members in Indochina, who formerly belonged to the Section, have been transferred to the Presidential Agency of Indochina.

The life of the Section has followed the lines of previous years. *La Vie Theosophique* has ceased to exist as a separate magazine, but since the month of January it has been issued as a supplement to the *Lotus Bleu*. Every member of the Section receives this magazine and its supplement, while the subscribers to the *Lotus Bleu* who are not members of the Society receive it without the supplement, and they have therefore a magazine which is able to promote Theosophical thought in the outside world without material which is interesting only to members of the Society. An arrangement has been made with the Belgian and Swiss Sections by which the magazines and supplement are also the organ of these Sections for the French-speaking members in these countries. It is also the organ of the European Federation.

International visitors have not been numerous. We have had the privilege of two visits from Srimati Rukmini

Devi, who has spoken at Mulhouse, Paris, Bordeaux, Pau and Orleans.

Mr. G. Tripet, from Switzerland, gave a very much appreciated lecture in Paris on the relationship of J. Krishnamurti with the Theosophical Society and Theosophy, at our National Convention.

The work of the Lodges and Centres in the provinces has been conducted actively or sluggishly according to the enthusiasm and opportunities of the local members.

There is always a large correspondence with members or sympathisers in native Africa, but many of the letters which reach us from this region bear witness that the writers have completely wrong ideas concerning the nature of our movement. It is often difficult to make them understand that we do not sell talismans or occult influences, and that our aim is not magic as it is understood by the people of Africa.

A certain number of Haitians are attached to the Theosophical Society in France. French being the official language of Haiti, they desire to be attached to our Section, until they are strong enough to constitute a National Section.

PAUL THORIN,
General Secretary.

ITALY

From October 1950 to October 1951, 98 new members were registered.

There was a total of 15 members lost—2 by death, 5 by resignation, and 8 by lapsing.

There are 36 active Lodges, and the total number of members is now 938, including the independent ones, and the four Centres.

All the Lodges have been working in various ways during the year; some of them having done exceedingly good service, developing a co-ordinated and progressive programme which has followed a scheme published last year in the Sectional magazine *Alba Spirituale*.

The most important activity has been the magazine *Alba Spirituale*, edited and published by the General Secretary, with the eager co-operation of some of the members.

The magazine, which is appreciated and read also by people not belonging to the Theosophical movement, prints 1200 copies and is sent in exchange to all Theosophical Sections.

Our Section held its 37th Congress in the Terme of Castrocaro, near Forli, from the 3rd to 6th of May of this year, with the consent of all Lodges, and

the personal participation of 150 members.

We had the pleasure of having Mr. J. E. van Dissel, General Secretary of the European Theosophical Federation, as our very welcome guest, and with whom we discussed the preparation for the Federation Congress to be held in Florence early in October next year.

Mr. van Dissel spoke to the Congress about the duties of Theosophists in this historical moment, showing the necessity for active co-operation with UNO for the realization of the régime of real Brotherhood.

During the Congress two very good public lectures were held in the near cities of Ravenna and Forli, on the subjects of "The problem of Survival according to Theosophy and Metaphysical Science", and "The religion of Giuseppe Mazzini, the intuitive Theosophist, the Patriot, and first exponent of European Unity."

During the Congress social contacts were renewed. Dr. Giuseppe Gasco was unanimously re-elected as General Secretary, together with all the members of the Executive Committee.

G. GASCO,

General Secretary.

GERMANY

There is but little to report about the year 1950-51. The Lodges have been steadily working, studying Theosophical books and discussing our problems. They gathered weekly or every fortnight. Public work is very difficult on the one side because of the lack of really good lecturers, and on the other side because it is very often impossible to get suitable rooms, and in any case such rooms are very

expensive, so that it is always a risk for the Lodges to hire a hall for a public lecture. Also the prices for all kinds of propaganda are very high. Ordinary Lodge meetings are therefore mostly held in private houses.

Because of bad health, I could visit during this year only a few Lodges.

All members are very pleased with the magazine *Adyar* issued by Dr. Lauppert in Graz in Austria for

the three German-speaking Sections in Europe. With the financial help of the European Federation, we can deliver it to all members without extra payment. We have had much trouble and loss of time getting the necessary import licenses and it is still very difficult to import Theosophical books in the German language from the Adyar-Verlag in Austria. We are trying to find a way of printing new books, in spite of the always increasing prices for paper, on the basis of co-operation of the three German-speaking Sections.

A number of members want to read *The Theosophist* regularly. But we can have only a few copies as there is no possibility of transferring the money for them, and we are told by the T.P.H. in Adyar that even this will no longer be possible. It seems to me very important that there should be found a solution of this problem, perhaps through an agreement between the T.P.H. and the European Federation.

All Lodges have celebrated the 75 years Jubilee of our Society in special dignified meetings. In some places our young Theosophists took active part in the organization of these meetings, especially in Velbert where a very active group of young people produced a play, whose author is the leader of the Lodge there, Mr. Augustus Heidmann.

I am very happy that our German Young Theosophists are so very alive under the leadership of their representative, Michail Alexander, in Rendsburg, and in close contact with the European Federation of Young Theosophists.

Our Summer School in Rendsburg has been again a great success this year. About 100 members gathered there for a week, and among them many young people. Srimati Rukmini Devi and Mr. van Dissel and Miss Helma Kool from the Netherlands were our guests for the whole period and gave us much inspiration for our work and our Theosophical life. It was really an uplift for us and we shall try to make our Summer School a permanent institution of our Section.

The number of our members decreased in spite of 50 new applications because we had to dissolve the membership of all those who had not shown the least interest in our work and had not paid their annual fees for several years. So we have now a total membership of only 627.

On the 29-30th of September we held our "Generalversammlung" in Hamburg. The officials of our Section Committee have been re-elected, and I have been nominated General Secretary for another three years.

MARTIN BOYKEN,
General Secretary.

CUBA

The number of the Lodges in this Section has been increased by one Lodge: "Rafael de Albear", of Morón City. This Lodge existed in the past but was dissolved in 1932. This Section has now 33 Lodges.

The membership is 622, a loss of 32.

Activities.—Several members have helped to spread our ideas of Theo-

sophy in the Section, having lectured at public Conferences. At present we have two magazines: *Revista Teosófica Cubana* and *Teosofía*. The first, edited by the Section, is the official organ; the second is published by the Eastern Federation. We have three Federations—Eastern, Central and Western—each holding three or

four Conferences each year, with assemblies and public meetings. The Central Federation is at present very weak.

The *Ciudamar Centre* is working as usual and also *Leadbeater Centre* in the central part of the Island. The Western Federation has finished the construction of its building at Havana city; it is a pretty two-storey house.

Visitors.—During this year we had, in February, a visit from our very loved brother Mr. N. Sri Ram. He stayed several days in Cuba and visited many places, lecturing at our National University and other towns.

The *Leadbeater Centre* of Sancti-Spiritus continues with study classes, conferences and book selling.

LORGIO VARGAS GARCIA,
General Secretary.

HUNGARY

Section Closed. No Report

FINLAND

Our activities have continued as usual in all the Lodges, though during last winter some weariness has been apparent. Attendances at the meetings have not been so regular as formerly. Perhaps the cause for it lies in the uncertainty of the economic and political situation.

The countryside Lodges have been kept in touch with Helsinki Headquarters by regular circular letters and lecture tours. I myself have visited nearly all the Lodges during the winter.

Activities of youth and children have also continued as before.

On the occasion of the Jubilee Year we were visited by Mr. Otto Viking from Denmark in October. He gave three lectures in Helsinki and toured Tampere and Seinäjoki. On Foundation Day we had a fine festival at a school hall for the general public. Our magazine *Teosofi* was published with 72 pages and sold as single copies. The New Year Eve was dedicated in

Helsinki to the closing of this Jubilee with many speeches to commemorate the day.

Mrs. Magda Aspelin was in Adyar during the 75th Double-Diamond Jubilee and afterwards she gave some talks to the members on her experiences. She also spoke on the radio about the life of India. Mrs. and Mr. Valvanne sent a long, detailed report from the Jubilee. It was published in our magazine *Teosofi*.

The Annual Convention at Easter was like meetings in the good old times. About 250 members took part in it. We had also a guest from abroad, Mr. Michael Alexander from Germany. He gave one lecture at our Convention. Easter Monday was a Youth Day. First there was a beautiful performance of the Lotus Circle and after it a Youth meeting, when Mr. Alexander spoke on Joy. The general tone of the Convention was marked by a strong desire to make our Section an efficient channel for the spreading of the eternal truths.

Some weeks later Mr. Hugo Valvanne from India was in Helsinki and gave us a lecture about India.

The Summer School was held on the 12-19th of July at Kauniainen near Helsinki. About fifty members booked for the whole period and another fifty came for the week-end and the evening meetings. The general title for our School was "The Present Task of the Society—Outer and Inner." Mrs. Adelaide Gardner and Mr. Sidney Ransom were the leaders and they both gave one talk every day. The spirit and enthusiasm of the School went beyond all our expectations, but the participation at it was not so numerous as was anticipated.

After the closing of our School Mr. Ransom spent a few days in the country as guest of the family Kylämarkula, and one night they had at their house a very successful meeting.

Two of our members were present at the Summer School of the German Section, two members visited Gammel Praestegaard in Denmark and three members, Mrs. Aino Valvanne from Kotka town, Miss Irene von Schmidt—who also represented our Youth Group—and Miss Signe Rosvall, General Secretary, took part at the meetings of the European Federation at Camberley. Thus we try to understand the work of the other Sections and draw them nearer ourselves. During this winter we shall give our thoughts with sympathy to Italy so that the next Congress may be a success.

Mrs. Josephine Ransom visited Helsinki the last week of September. She gave a public lecture, about one hundred persons being present. Then we had two meetings for members. In our Lodge room every seat was taken. She was accompanied by Mrs. Vera Stephenson and Mrs. K. Boag. Mrs. Stephenson visited the meeting of the Youth Group, and helped us to start the Round Table in Helsinki. There are now 12 members.

At the end of last year two Lodges at Tampere town were combined, so we have now 22 Lodges. The number of new members during the year was 18 and those discontinuing 20, bringing the total membership to 719.

The Sectional magazine *Teosofi* was published once a month. It has continued to act as a valuable link between the members and those interested in Theosophy and also as a means of propaganda. As usual the news from Adyar and National Sections has been published as part of it. I am sorry to say, however, that the number of subscribers has now decreased to 800. No other literature has been published.

In spite of all the uncertainty and the many vexations of the time, I venture to say that we look to the future with expectation and confidence, and I beg to assure you that, as far as we are concerned, we shall not be discouraged from making our contribution to the common cause.

SIGNE ROSVALL,

General Secretary

RUSSIA

Section Dissolved

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report

SOUTHERN AFRICA

The year under report marks a major milestone in the history of the Theosophical Society, its double Diamond Jubilee, which several of our members had the good fortune to celebrate at our Adyar Headquarters. It is a happy augury for our work that we can also report an excellent expansion of our work within this Section. In my last report I expressed the view that we should concentrate on bringing Theosophy into a wider field of action and I am very happy to say that our efforts have been most successful. May the new impulse of the last quarter of a century's work inspire this Section into even more intense activity. The thought of the great inspiration that Theosophy could give in any department of life, has been the guiding principle behind the year's work.

The total membership is 597 and we have 12 Lodges. Five of these were formed during 1950. These have all been re-visited, except East London. Our other Lodges continue to do good work in their traditional way. The Cape Town Lodge has this year made a move into its new premises, altered and improved for the purpose. This is the second established Lodge property in our Section, the first one being in Pretoria. The Johannesburg Lodge will be the next to move into its own home, which it is now altering for Lodge purposes.

Lodges were asked to arrange special celebrations on November 17th, being the Society's 75th birthday. The Transvaal Lodges combined their efforts and held an Inter-Lodge day, at which historical pictures and other items of interest in the history of the T.S. were displayed.

All new Lodges have been provided with a nucleus of a library to the value of £10. Besides, a Section-wide appeal was made for second-hand books,

which made possible a generous distribution of further books.

Regular Lodge lecture-programmes have been filled with names from among our own members and a good standard has been achieved. Also Miss Clara Codd, although she has had a well-deserved rest for part of the year, has resumed lecturing again to the delight of her always appreciative audiences. I must also mention here the excellent work done by Mrs. Ensor in an attempt to improve matters in Port Elizabeth. She has sacrificed much time and money in a renewed campaign, which we hope will bear fruit in the coming year. My husband and I have lectured, besides, in Johannesburg and Pretoria, in the three Rhodesian Lodges, in Durban, Pietermaritzburg and in Vereeniging. We also gave several lectures in Nairobi, and the link which was thus formed between the East African and our Section is one of neighbourly affection.

An unforgettable event was our visit to Adyar, where I officially represented this Section at the 75th Anniversary of our Society. This was a truly international gathering, and many countries of the world were represented. The inspiration which flows from such coming together is beyond description. It impressed me with the assurance that our first Object, the formation of a nucleus of Brotherhood, has been to a great extent achieved—but it still rests with us to expand our fraternity, so that it may become a living power in the world. Since our return we have visited many Lodges where we spoke about Adyar. This has aroused much interest in the activities of our Headquarters.

We also acquired several new pamphlets. One by the President, Mr. Jinarājadāsa, called: "Four Cardinal Points of Truth" has been reprinted by our Section. Further we ordered

500 of "Theosophy Offers," printed in Adyar, a good pamphlet by Miss Elizabeth Preston.

The Section also bought a number of existing pamphlets from the I.T.P. Several thousands of sheets were printed, with the heading: "Ten Good Reasons Why you Should Study Theosophy." These are meant for propaganda campaigns.

No new books have been printed in Afrikaans, and we still have a good stock, of which, unfortunately little use is made. Pretoria Lodge entertains, occasionally, lecturers in Afrikaans. Quite a number of new books have been added to the Section Library during the last year.

Permission was given to the Institute for Theosophical Publicity for the publication of two books by members. One is Miss Clara Codd's autobiography: "So Rich a Life." I think we may congratulate ourselves on this honour. This fascinating life-story has a world-wide appeal and it is now on sale in an attractive form. The second book is "Bruno" written under the nom de plume: J. B. Sophia.

Mrs. Jardine, the secretary of the International Correspondence League, reports that seven new contacts were made. These members are now corresponding with Theosophists in Holland, Ceylon, Australia, Lourenco Marques, London and the Island of Mauritius.

The Clara Codd Pension Trust Fund is in a very sound position and receives regular donations from all parts of the world. I would like to take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to our Johannesburg members, Mr. and

Mrs. Heywood, for giving Miss Codd a home with them. Especially during the period of Miss Codd's forced rest, this was an invaluable service.

We collected £53-14-6 for the Annie Besant Commemorative Fund, which amount has been sent to Adyar.

Most Lodges have dedicated a special meeting to the work of the United Nations, on or about the 24th of October, United Nations Day. I wish to thank very warmly our National Service Group Organizer, Mrs. Lean, for her work during the year. She herself is Chief Organizer of the National Health Foundation and a more enthusiastic social worker, especially in the field of race relations, it would be hard to find.

Since the special issue in commemoration of our 75th year Jubilee, our magazine, *The Link*, has appeared in a new coat. To enable us to do this several members have donated specifically for this purpose. Some letters of congratulation on the new appearance showed that it was much appreciated.

We are now looking forward to welcoming to our Section one of our most distinguished Theosophists, Mr. N. Sri Ram, who intends to be with us for some weeks in April on his way to England. We are arranging a tour for him to benefit as many as possible of our members.

This brings us again to the beginning of a new year of work—a work so full of opportunities and happiness. May we ever be mindful of the great need of Humanity and of the Theosophists' contribution to it.

J. E. STAKESBY LEWIS,
General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

The membership stands at the end of the year at 319, a drop of 48 on that of the previous year. This, however, is due almost entirely to a thorough overhaul of the record of members, and a careful checking of Headquarters lists with those of the various Lodges, a task which was already overdue. Practically all those suspended are former members of whom nothing had been heard for a number of years, and who had already ceased to be active members of the Society. The loss, therefore, is really on paper rather than in actual fact, and we can now be sure that we have on our books only those members who are active and in good standing. Actually, the number who have joined this year represents an advance on the figures of the previous year. Before the overhaul, every endeavour was made to get in touch with all those of whom nothing had been heard for a number of years; and as a result of this, some who had been lost sight of have rejoined, and others may yet do so.

The detailed reports received from the various districts and Lodges show that, though the exceptionally severe winter conditions had affected attendances to some extent, the work as a whole has been steadily maintained. The Library continues its important work on the usual extensive scale, and though general war distress relief work has ceased, parcels are still being sent at intervals to a family in the Near East having Theosophical connections.

The 41st Annual Convention took place on May 26th and 27th in the newly reconstructed and redecorated

premises at 17 Queen's Crescent, Glasgow. The General Secretary presided over a large gathering of members. Among the items on the Agenda was a motion to increase the annual Headquarters dues by 5 shillings a year; after discussion this motion was lost by a substantial majority, and the present arrangement will be continued for a further year as an experiment. Alternative means of increasing the income will be considered, as the financial report showed that at present the Section is not paying its way.

The General Secretary, in the course of the year, has visited all three of the Scottish Districts, in some cases more than once, and, in addition, has fulfilled lecturing engagements in England, Ireland (North and South), and at the Summer School at Bangor. He was absent from Europe from November to March, representing the Scottish Section at the 75th Annual International Convention at Adyar; and after the business part of the proceedings of the Scottish Convention, he gave a detailed account of Adyar and of the Convention gatherings there. He also took part with Mrs. Allan in an informal Question and Answer meeting on "Adyar To-day".

Headquarters remained open until the end of July, when the premises were closed for the Summer vacation. The Library reopened for two days a week during September and all the regular activities will resume at the beginning of October.

EDWARD GALL,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

Statistics.—The present number of Lodges is 14, plus 3 Centres: one in Basel, one in Vevey and one in Lucerne. There is a group of Young Theosophists in Basel, presided over by Mr. Hanspeter Wyss. The Membership at present is 253.

Participation of the Section in International Theosophical Activities.—Mrs. F. Scheffmacher, Vice-President, and Mr. Hanspeter Wyss, official delegate of the Youth of Switzerland, represented the Section at the Council Meeting of the European Federation at Arnhem.

The General Secretary, Mr. Sassi, represented the Section at the 75th Convention of the T.S. at Adyar. Miss Bordier was requested to represent the Youth of Switzerland in all the activities and meetings organized by the World Federation of Young Theosophists. After their return, both gave to the members, at the Headquarters, a full report on the Jubilee Convention, illustrated by several hundred coloured and ordinary slides. They raised the enthusiasm of the members towards Adyar. The General Secretary gave similar reports in Lausanne, Basel and Zurich, as well as to the T.S. Lodges of Lyon (France) and at the Regional Summer School for French-speaking members in Nice.

12 members of the Swiss Section took an active part at the Regional Summer School at Pessicart, Nice, organized by the T.S. of France, Belgium and Switzerland, under the auspices of the European Federation.

Visit of Srimati Rukmini Devi.—Invited by the Swiss Section, as also by the Dutch and Belgian Sections, Srimati Rukmini Devi was the Guest of Honour at our Annual Convention which took place on 6th May. She also presided over several meetings. She gave a

lecture to the members attending the Convention, amongst whom were 20 delegates from Lyon (France), on "Leadership of the World and in the T.S.", beginning with the example of Madame Blavatsky and Col. Olcott, exalting the work of Dr. Annie Besant, and giving a full appreciation of the work of Mr. Jinarājadāsa.

Srimati Rukmini Devi also gave a public lecture in Geneva, outside the T.S. Headquarters, on "L'Education . . . un idéal à réaliser". This lecture was followed by a social gathering at which the Press was invited. Rukmini Devi visited the Ecole Internationale in Geneva, and also spoke before 600 persons in the great Aula of the Polytechnicum of Zurich, on "The Culture of India To-day". She talked on the same topic in Basel with great success.

Public Work.—The public work at the Headquarters has been emphasized this year by a special effort to present the Theosophical teachings in a new garb. This effort was especially due to the collaboration of Mr. Georges Tripet, who delivered 12 lectures to a large audience. On the other hand, the General Secretary, with Mr. Alfred Reisch and also Mr. Gustave Reiner and Mrs. Rachel Tripet, gave several symposiums on the main problems of life. The same effort was repeated by Mr. Tripet and the General Secretary in Lausanne.

Mr. Georges Tripet was also asked to give a public lecture at the Annual Convention of the French Section.

The General Secretary gave a public lecture on the "Cultural Role of India" in Basel, Geneva and Lyon. He visited the Lodges of Zurich, Basel, and Lausanne several times.

Mr. Hanspeter Wyss gave three interesting public lectures in Basel.

Mr. Wyss has created a charades theatre for young children.

A series of lectures has also been organized by Dr. Anna Kamensky under the general title of "L'humanisme universel".

Mr. Selleger, from the T.S. in Holland, gave lectures in the three Centres of Geneva, Basel and Zurich.

ALBERT SASSI,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

This year was a difficult one. Because of the absence of our newly elected General Secretary, Monsieur Urbain Monami, who started for Adyar in November and who, on his return in April hardly took part again in any activities, his health being bad, the full weight of Secretaryship fell upon Monsieur Gaston Polak, the Acting General Secretary. We thank very heartily all our fellow-workers and most specially Mr. van der Hecht who, during the whole Theosophical year, took charge of the usual announcements and presented the lecturers to the public every Saturday.

At the National Congress in June Mlle. Serge Brisy, who had recovered from her accident, was re-elected General Secretary.

On September 30, 1951 there were 11 Lodges and approximately 300 members.

Lectures.—These were most varied and numerous: 29 public lectures by members and lecturers from Belgium; a lecture from Mme. Gool Minwalla from Pakistan; another from the Bikkhu U. Thitilla, and, above all, a magnificent talk from Srimati Rukmini Devi to members in Brussels, after her stay in Liège for the National Congress, referred to later.

Adyar Day and Lotus Day were celebrated with great success.

Theosophical Courses.—An elementary one was given by Mr. van der Hecht and a practical one by M. Nicolay.

Lectures Abroad.—Two of our members, Mme d'Haenens and M. Hiernaux, lectured in South of France and visited Nice, Monaco, Cannes, Antibes and Menton.

The Regional Summer School for French-speaking countries (France, Switzerland and Belgium) presided over by Serge Brisy (Vice-President), held in Nice in July, met with great success.

Library and Bookshop.—Both were well attended and did good work.

National Congress.—The most important feature of our activities was certainly the National Congress held in Liège (9th and 10th of June) with Srimati Rukmini Devi as our Guest of Honour. The General Secretary for the Netherlands, Prof. J. N. van der Ley, Mr. Peter Hoffman and Miss Chase from the U.S.A., and many delegates from Brussels, Antwerp and Ghent attended. Rukmini Devi gave two lectures to the members in the delightful Theosophical house built by Liège members, and M. Gaston Polak one. A public lecture by Rukmini Devi was given in a very crowded hall. Before the lecture, the best Belgian Quatuor (Quatuor Municipal de Liège) played the Quatuor op. 3 of Beethoven. Srimati Rukmini Devi had interviews with the local Press and articles, numerous and very comprehensive of our Theosophical teachings, were issued in different local papers.

SERGE BRISY,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

Before beginning with the report, I should like to tell the history of the Indonesian Section beginning with the year 1942.

During the Japanese Occupation.—Nearly all Lodges stopped functioning. Only the Lodge of Solo could work on, though it had to struggle with many difficulties. Generally the Indonesian members worked on, while most of the Dutch were put in prison. Many of them died during that time.

During the revolution the Indonesian members were not able to co-operate with the Dutch. There were some Lodges in the Republic of Indonesia, and some in places occupied by the Dutch Army.

In places inland, the Theosophical members did their best to bring the Lodges to life again. For some time the second clash stopped the activities of the inland Lodges.

After the Agreement between Indonesia and the Dutch the undersigned, as Chairman of the Indonesian Section, made a connection with brother J. A. H. van Leeuwen, Chairman of the "daerah pendudukan" (occupied districts) and quickly came to an agreement, for, as Theosophists, there is no difference of opinion between us. We decided to have a Congress at Semarang, which was held on September 3, 1950.

At that Congress it was decided to change the name of Netherlands Indian Theosophical Society into Theosophical Society Indonesian Branch and change the Constitution in accordance with the new situation.

The meeting held at Semarang was a great success and a bond of brotherhood was felt.

The undersigned was elected as Chairman, while Brothers Kusumodihardjo, Ong Soe Aan, S. Mangun-

kawatja, Tan Bing Oe, Setiadharmas, Soebroto, Soeganda, A. H. van Brakel and D. Kumarasamy were elected as members.

Besides bringing the Lodges to life again, the chief work of the Committee was preparing the new Constitution for discussion at the Congress at Bandoeng.

Congress in Bandoeng.—On March 25, 1951, a Congress was held in Bandoeng. The most important work was discussing and passing the new Constitution in order that the Society can work in accordance with the rules. The new Constitution has already been brought into line with the Constitution of the Theosophical Society all over the world, principally concerning the properties of the Theosophical Society Indonesian Section if it is dissolved.

During the Congress the whole Committee resigned but was re-elected. Brother H. J. van Marle was elected as a member of the chief Committee and appointed Treasurer, while Brother Derun was elected to take charge of the magazines.

The Indonesian Section has now 16 Lodges with 496 members. During this period 96 new members were registered.

In September 1951, Brother C. D. Shores, International Treasurer of our Society, visited some Lodges in Java. To the Lodges of Borobudur (Magelang) and Timur (Malang) he presented Charters. He was welcomed everywhere. His visit stimulated our Society, which we love so much. The Indonesian Section thanks him for the help he has given to us, and we have requested him to visit Indonesia again at Easter, when our Section will hold a Congress in Surabaya.

May our endeavours always have the blessing of our Masters.

SOEMARDJO,
General Secretary.

BURMA

General.—"From Peace to Stability" was the slogan of the Government during the year under report, and we are glad to say that political and economic conditions have improved.

Membership.—The total number of members at the close of the year was 64, as compared with 66 last year. The Ven'ble Thera Prejnananda, the President of the Olcott Lodge, Rangoon, passed away during the year and two members were transferred to other Sections. It is encouraging to see that the Burmese members are taking more interest in the activities of the Lodges than before.

Lodges.—The Olcott Lodge was, as in the past, the centre of our Theosophical activities in Burma. Owing to the high rates of taxes and other unavoidable recurring charges, the Lodge was faced with a deficit budget which had to be supplemented from the "Self Denial Fund" to which members contribute liberally every month.

The Olcott Lodge.—The visit of two Theosophical members from Adyar, Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram and Mr. M. Subramaniam, gave much impetus to the Rangoon members to take more interest in Theosophy. The former delivered two public lectures and the latter nine. Mr. Subramaniam also spoke to the local Rotarians at one of their meetings. Regular Sunday morning classes and Wednesday evening classes continued throughout the year. The birthdays of the Founders and the Presidents of the Society, White Lotus Day, Foundation Day and Adyar Day were celebrated.

The Lotus Lodge, Mandalay.—Regular meetings have been conducted, and the members are endeavouring to regain possession of their Lodge buildings.

The Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo.—The Lodge building is in the possession

of squatters and action is being taken to evict them. Meanwhile, members have grouped together for purposes of study and discussion at a temporary place. The Secretary reports that attempts by some squatters to get the lease of the land renewed in their names have not been successful, and that the lease will soon be renewed in the name of the Society.

The Youth Lodge.—As usual members of this Lodge have attended to the social side of Theosophical activities in Rangoon.

The Burma Humanitarian League.—As a result of the League's appeals, the Government have been gracious enough to close all slaughter houses throughout Burma for three days during Independence Celebrations, for one day on the World Day for Animals, and for one day on each of the Sabbath Days during the 3 months of the Buddhist Lent, and at the beginning and end of it. Over a thousand pledges have been received for abstention from flesh during the Lent as a result of intensive propaganda during the year. Broadcast talks were delivered on the radio on three occasions. Great interest has been aroused among the Burmese populace in vegetarianism.

B.E.T. Co-educational Schools.—This is now being run under two sections, one having the medium of instruction in Tamil and another in Burmese. The School has a Theosophist as its Head Mistress, and its functions include the birthday celebration of Dr. Annie Besant who laid the foundation stone.

Book Depot.—Theosophical publications are now on sale at the Rangoon Headquarters of the Society. Books worth more than Rs. 1500 were ordered and sold to members during the year. A fresh order is being placed with Adyar for a new consignment of books, and when they arrive it is proposed

to contact some booksellers to stock them for sale to the public.

The Edicts of Asoka.—The Burmese translation of *The Edicts of Asoka* was published, the cost of the publication being shared by the International President and the General Secretary of the Section, who translated it. The sale proceeds will be set apart for the publication of new editions.

Buddhist Catechism.—Col. Olcott's Buddhist Catechism is being translated into Burmese by the General Secretary for publication with a view to sale to the general public.

News Letter.—Three News Letters were issued to the members, who were also supplied with cyclostyled copies of the gist of a few speeches delivered by Mr. Subramaniam during his visit in Rangoon.

Conventions.—The Section Convention was held on the 19th November

1950 and the Support Convention on the 24th December. The Convention lectures were cyclostyled and forwarded to members along with the News Letters. The Section Convention covered a crowded programme of lectures, meetings, parties, etc.

Presentation of Books.—A further quantity of Theosophical books was donated to the University Library in addition to those donated last year.

Finance.—The year opened with a balance of Rs. 368-5-0 and closed with Rs. 429-7-0.

Conclusion.—Theosophy is in greater need in Burma than ever before, and we would stress the fact that more workers and more funds are required to carry on our work more vigorously.

U PO LAT,
General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

This year we worked in the usual manner in our four great towns of Vienna, Graz, Linz and Bruck, with 13 Lodges and a final membership of 364 active members. This year only 9 new members joined and we lost 68, 15 by resignation, 1 by death, 1 by going abroad, and 51 by lapsing. This result was not surprising in view of the difficult economic conditions in which our members live.

Nevertheless, the activity of the T.S. on the whole has not diminished at all.

Printed Work.—In agreement with the resolutions at the Council meeting of the European Federation in Arnhem this year, every member received the quarterly German Regional Magazine *Adyar*, printed and delivered in Graz, without extra payment, and every three months also a Circular Letter was sent out, called *Theosophisches Nachrichtenblatt*. Through this news

and articles of general interest to members can be given, so establishing a contact between the Lodges and single members and the General Secretary (Headquarters).

Our Publishing House in Graz (Adyar-Verlag) printed, in addition to the Periodical, the new booklet by Dr. Lauppert *Fragen an das Leben* which is much appreciated by members and seekers at large. At the 75th Anniversary Day, Dr. Lauppert broadcast a memorial speech at the "Alpenland-Sender" of Graz.

Lodge Activities.—The Theosophical spirit in all Lodges was very uplifting for visitors, and our well known and much appreciated lecturers made great changes in their lecture themes. The Lodge work was arranged for special courses, interpreting Theosophical ideas, life and doctrines. Some discussion meetings took place, and

some combined festival meetings held, e.g., the 75th Anniversary Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day. Owing to the lack of a piano, gramophone records were substituted for the performances of former musicians and singers in Vienna, while in Graz, the Kunstloge was able to perform artistic work in the Lodge room.

In Vienna 7 Lodges were at work, in Graz 4, in Linz 1, also our Youth Group met regularly fortnightly discussing Theosophical problems.

The First National Convention.—The culmination of the activity this year was the Convention in Graz at Whitsuntide, where Rukmini Devi Arundale was the Guest of Honour. Mr. J. E. van Dissel, the General Secretary of the T. S. in Europe, and Mr. Peter Hoffman (Adyar) were present. Srimati Rukmini Devi uplifted our members by her most inspiring speeches and lectures, while Mr. van Dissel assisted our work by his personal counsel in many ways. On Whit Monday, Srimati Rukmini Devi delivered with great success a public lecture in a large hall, on the theme "Citizens of the Future". In it the cultural life in modern India was demonstrated to the public, and a cinema show of her Kalakshetra work in Adyar (India) was much enjoyed. This performance was visited by 340 persons, and the

hall was over-crowded. It was the end of the very joyful and inspiring time of our first National Convention in Austria since the existence of our Section in 1912.

At this experience, new for many of us, 110 members met at every one of the three fixed days, 28 delegates of our 13 Lodges were also present. The generous financial assistance of the Committee of the European Federation chiefly made it possible to accommodate them.

The Council Meeting of these delegates resolved to propose new regulation for our Section, because the former ones were not corresponding to a satisfying democratic constitution such as the T. S. should have.

In two symposiums, with more than 4 speakers, themes about the metaphysical attitude and aspirations of people at large and Theosophists for themselves, were discussed. Through these discussions new points of view about propagating Theosophy in the world were gained.

As to the general desires of all visitors, it was resolved to arrange similar Conventions again in the future, though our general financial condition is not the best just now!

FRITZ SCHLEIFER,
General Secretary.

NORWAY

The year's work since our last annual meeting has been marked by outer as well as inner activity in Norsk Teosofisk Samfund. The Lodges have worked well; the members have been more eager and active than before, and the meetings have been attended by most of the members. One of the most important meetings to be mentioned is of course the 75th Jubilee of the

Theosophical Society. On the 17th of November we had a most successful meeting in the beautiful locality at Drammensveien 41, Oslo, attended by about 80 persons.

Early in the new year Mrs. Ruth Wessel Nielsen made a trip to the Lodges in the western part of the country, Stavanger and Haugesund. She gave three lectures in Haugesund

and two in Stavanger, with good attendances of members. The trip she made on her own account.

The great event in the year 1951 was the opening of our new Headquarters in Arbiensgate 4, Oslo. The details have been mentioned in *The Theosophist* ("Theosophists at Work Around the World"). Bishop Viking was present during the week and gave inspiring lectures. Afterwards an issue of *Norsk Teosofisk Tidsskrift* gave all the talks and lectures in extenso or in summary.

The great work of Mr. Erling Havrevold, the father of the idea, who carries the rather heavy economical responsibility incurred, and the good work done by Miss Elel Sparre in her capacity as interior architect etc., are well known.

The Norsk Teosofisk Tidsskrift has had its regular six issues a year, thanks to the financial help of Messrs. Erling Havrevold and Trygve Bauer Nilsen of Haugesund.

The Norwegian Summer School was held from August 5th to 15th at Mokka,

4 Norwegian miles from Steinkjer in Trondelag, possibly the first Theosophical Summer School held so far north. The School was held on a large property belonging to one of the members, in beautiful surroundings and with warm and pleasant weather. Bishop Otto Viking was leader for the gathering and spoke with power and inspiration. He coined a new word *Symptuition* implying that members should together strive to reach the life centre in ideas and problems from the manifold to the Unity, and work along intuitional lines and not purely intellectual. Although only 14 members were present—partly owing to the rather high travelling expenses—it was a happy group.

In September the work again started in our new locality; our office is open for sale of books and giving information every day except Sunday from 11 to 1 o'clock. All are happy and full of eager expectations as to the future. Membership is 149 in 7 Lodges.

ERNST NIELSEN,
General Secretary.

EGYPT

No Report

DENMARK

The year was characterised by difficulties in Copenhagen, where the common Lodge rooms have been given up, and the several Lodges meet at different places not reserved for Theosophical work. It is hoped that once again it will be possible to have rooms reserved for Theosophical work for all Lodges in Copenhagen.

The Section held its annual Convention on 21-22nd April at Nakskov, and

was attended by members from the various Lodges. Before the Convention there was an interview by the local press (three papers) which wrote sympathetic reports about Theosophy and the Theosophical Society.

The number of members is 340, with 12 Lodges, a decrease of 4 members since last Convention.

In Summer 1951 there was no real Summer School at Gl. Præstegaard,

but in the last days of July and the beginning of August Gl. Præstegaard was visited by Theosophists from the Scandinavian countries, Finland and England. Rukmini Devi and Mr. Ransom were present and gave lectures and talks. The gathering in spite of bad weather was very successful.

In the month of September 1951 we had a visit from Mrs. Ransom, who gave lectures at Aarhus and Copenhagen. Mrs. Ransom has given much help to the Northern countries of Europe, and also through her visit

in September she gave us much inspiration. We are very grateful to her and to Mr. Ransom for their work in Scandinavia and Finland.

On the 20th September an old and devoted member, Mr. A. S. Kruse, member of the Aarhus Lodge, died at the age of 73. He was a zealous worker for Theosophy and for the Theosophical Society. The Section has lost a good worker.

J. H. MÖLLER,
General Secretary.

IRELAND

I am very happy to submit the following Report for the past year 1950-51 which has been one of quiet, sustained and regular activity.

The Annual Business Convention was held on Friday, 8th June, 1950, at 8 p.m. when the General Secretary, Mrs. Alice Law, was re-elected for the year 1950-51, Mr. P. L. Pielou being re-elected as National Treasurer. The membership of the Executive Committee was as follows: General Secretary, National Treasurer (*Ex Officio*), Mrs. V. Gregg, Irish Lodge, Mrs. E. Hornidge, Hermes Lodge, Mrs. Claire O'Shea, Dublin Lodge, and Mr. Robert Merrick, representing Cork Lodge. A number of the Dublin members, among them Mr. Merrick from Cork, travelled to Belfast to attend the Annual Convention of the Belfast, Bangor, Co. Down and Coleraine Lodges of the Theosophical Society in Northern Ireland (Presidential Agency) on Saturday, 9th, to Monday, 12th June. The Guest of Honour was Mr. Edward Gall, General Secretary of the Scottish Section, who arrived in Dublin, Tuesday, 13th June, delivering a public lecture that same evening at 8 p.m. which was greatly appreciated by an attentive audience. Mr. Gall also spent a few

days in Cork, where he addressed the members and friends, who made use of the opportunity to put numerous questions to the speaker.

Headquarters was open four afternoons weekly from 3 to 4 p.m. during the month of July, closing for August and re-opening in September for the use of the library and for enquirers.

The General Secretary had the happy privilege of attending the T.S. Summer School in Bangor, N. Wales, making many contacts and addressing the members on two occasions. We were pleased to welcome Mr. Henry Kavanagh of Chicago, Ills., U. S. A., a former member of the T.S., to the Irish Lodges. Mr. Kavanagh presented a gift of rare and valuable books to the library.

United Nations Day was commemorated on October 24, when the Dublin Lodge was greatly privileged to have an address from Mr. William Aspden on the subject of the United Nations, stressing the importance of the work of this Organization in a world torn by conflict and strife. Other speakers, during the Winter and Spring Sessions, were Dr. Hugh Simmons M.Sc., Ph.D., Carl Petersen, Ph.D., and Hugh Shearman, Ph.D. Mrs. Anna Lamb gave

several lectures on "The Significance of Pain" and Mr. P. L. Pielou continued his series of addresses on "What is Man?" Mrs. V. Gregg and Mrs. A. Law also contributed to the programme of lectures. The Annual General Meeting was held on January 8th, 1951, when Mrs. Alice Law was nominated as General Secretary and Mr. Pielou as National Treasurer for 1951-52. The outstanding event of the year was the visit of Mr. E. Norman Pearson, former Vice-President of the Theosophical Society in America and Mrs. Elsie Pearson, who won all hearts by their earnest sincerity, not to mention Mr. Pearson's challenging and instructive interpretations of the Ancient Wisdom, opening up new vistas of thought and understanding to the members and the public.

The usual study groups and members' meetings were held regularly throughout the year. Mrs. Anna Lamb continues to lead the Spiritual Healing Group, sponsored by Hermes Lodge, and a class on Numerology has been formed under the leadership of Mrs. Violet Gregg. As usual, Headquarters was open four afternoons weekly from 3—4 p.m. for the exchange of library books, etc. Numerous enquiries have been received from people living in different districts of Ireland and also from members living abroad, who wish to contact the Irish Section; while our Section magazine *Theosophy in Ireland* is a source of interest to readers all over the world. For various reasons, it would be of benefit to gain more subscribers thus making the magazine more widely known. We certainly owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Evelyn Hornidge who has so con-

scientiously edited it for innumerable years, through untold vicissitudes and difficulties.

To the donors of the various booklets and magazines received during the past years from all parts of the world, making links with members and the public in manifold ways, we owe our grateful thanks.

The Cork Lodge has sustained a sad loss in the passing of Mrs. Mary Trinder; our sincere sympathy is extended to her relatives.

I wish to offer my most heartfelt thanks to my colleagues for their wholehearted support and co-operation, especially to Mrs. Violet Gregg and Mrs. Evelyn Hornidge, and not forgetting Mr. Leslie Pielou, who has made the path straight for me time and again. Two members of the Theosophical Society (Covina) joined us in commemorating White Lotus Day, May 8th, 1951, at which the usual readings were given by various members.

The total membership is 39 in four Lodges.

Considering the work of the Society as a whole, one thing is clear, and that is, to carry out the objective given to it from the beginning, the objective of BROTHERHOOD. We must never forget what the T.S. stands for.

"Even if it takes many generations yet before our declaration of UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD is accepted by all peoples, we must not swerve from the PATH mapped out for us by the Adept Teachers, who initiated the Theosophical Movement." (C. Jinarājādāsa).

ALICE LAW,

General Secretary.

MEXICO

Continued and sustained work at Headquarters and at almost all of our Lodges in the Interior, has been this year's mark in the Mexican Section. Two new Lodges and a net gain of 34 new members show our statistical balance as compared with last year. The total membership of the Section is 451, attached to 26 Lodges. At our Headquarters in Mexico City, as usual, T. S. meetings, as well as other meetings, take place every day of the year.

Our Annual Convention was held at the central City of San Luis Potosi during the last three days of December 1950. Delegates and visitors experienced then three days of happiness. It is well-known to us that Conventions help to strengthen our Movement in the country.

During April and May the General Secretary completed a short tour of our States, the result being the foundation of two new Lodges at Morelia, Mich., and Madero City, Tams.

Amounts of Dls. 157. and Dls. 30 were forwarded to Adyar for the A.B.C. Fund and Adyar Day.

Vigorous impetus was given, as usual, with printed propaganda. 31,000 copies of the 8-page leaflet *Dharma* and 4000 copies of *La razón del por qué?*, were gratuitously distributed throughout this and other Latin American countries; the bi-monthly issue of *Dharma* has been raised to 7000 copies, owing to many new petitions from abroad, from people whose attention is being awakened to occult topics and to Theosophy in every-day life, the articles being copied from *Talks on At the Feet of the Master*.

Early in December 1950 Miss Luz Maria Durand, President of our Aura Lodge, started a trip round the world, leaving by air for India. She arrived in Adyar just at the beginning of the 75th Convention where she represent-

ed two of the Indo-Latin countries, Mexico and Costa Rica. She afterwards joined the School of the Wisdom until April 1951 when she visited the northern portion of India, flying thence to Egypt and Europe.

The outstanding event in our midst was Mr. Sri Ram's visit to Mexico from August 5 to 13. Great interest was then aroused among all our Lodges; donations from them were received to meet his travelling expenses. He delivered three public lectures at the Engineering High School before audiences amounting to about 500 people; and also five talks at Headquarters and at the Mystic Star Ritual. All his addresses were recorded in 8 mm. tape through a new electronic apparatus graciously lent by the General Electric Co. A book containing in full his wise message and answers is being prepared. The impression left by him on our minds and hearts was really profound and joyful, many non-members sharing in it.

In a weekly local magazine *Nosotros*, has just appeared a fine report about *Los Teosofos*, with six illustrations of our Lodge room and wall pictures and our portrait of H. P. Blavatsky in oil colours. Ninety copies of the magazine are being mailed to Lodges of Central and South America as well as to India and all General Secretaries. This interview closed the series of articles on comparative philosophic and religious ideas now freely preached in Mexico, where Catholicism (Roman) is clearly fading.

This country's growth in every aspect is exceedingly rapid at present. "Up and Onwards for evermore" as H. P. B. quoted from the American poet.

ADOLFO DE LA PEÑA GIL,
General Secretary.

CANADA

Since my report of last year the General Executive and myself were re-elected to office with one exception, Mr. N. W. J. Haydon, a much respected member and a sterling Theosophist having passed away last December, and his place filled by the election of Mr. Charles Hale. The Society is in much the same condition as last year. In the interim we have had thirteen new members, one joined on demit, nineteen were reinstated, one left on demit, six died and twenty-seven are inactive, leaving a total of 371; thus the membership is down one on the year, but since June 30 when our financial year closed we have had seven new members and several reinstatements.

In the same period, we had twenty new subscribers to the Magazine, principally from the United States, and we continue to have very good reports and letters of appreciation from various sources.

The Travelling Library is very active and advertisements in several Provincial papers have brought requests for books from all parts of the Dominion.

From a summary of the activities of the Lodges it is shown that all have classes or discussion groups, taking the *Secret Doctrine* as the *magnum opus*. One or two have classes in Astrology and several of the larger ones take in Elementary Theosophy and the Gita. Toronto Lodge has a very comprehensive schedule and has classes every night of the week for the entire season. It has also arranged for special series of lectures from Professor Ernest Wood and Dr. Alvin B. Kuhn.

Public lectures are in all cases well attended, and in the case of the better known lecturers are quite large, thus evincing that Theosophy is slowly but surely permeating the thoughts of the public.

We are alive to the fact that there are more Theosophists outside than inside the Society, and knowing this are happy in realizing that this potential is there merely waiting, as it were, to become a dynamic force if and when the time is opportune.

E. L. THOMSON,
General Secretary.

 ARGENTINA

No Report

CHILE

The Executive has tried to establish complete harmony between the Lodges in Santiago and the Executive of the Section to bring about co-operation with the legally and regularly elected authority.

Thanks to this persevering work the following Lodges in Santiago have

recognized the said authority: *Arun-dhati*, *H. P. Blavatsky*, *Annie Besant* and *Van Hook*.

Owing to the loss of their property, the Lodges in Santiago meet in the house of their President or of one of their members, but this prevents

effective public meetings for study and propaganda of Theosophy.

The Lodges in Valparaiso work with assiduity and efficiency, although only *Lob-Nor*, the oldest Lodge in the Section, holds public meetings or lectures, in which the members of all the Lodges participate.

Among the activities carried on during the last year were those referring to the celebration of the Anniversary of the foundation of the Society and the commemoration of the passing over of Madame H. P. Blavatsky. All the Lodges took part in the work on these two solemn occasions, to influence the spiritual and intellectual atmosphere of the city of Valparaiso.

Six meetings of the Executive were held. An ordinary Convention was held on 30th September 1950 to elect the Executive and an *Extraordinary Convention* on 28th July 1951 at which

the National President Señora de Risso was elected.

The Chilean Section consists of the following 12 Lodges:

Lob-Nor, *Arundhati*, *Fraternidad*, *Van Hook*, *H. P. Blavatsky*, *Maitreya*, *Ananda*, *Annie Besant*, *Liberación*, *Nirvana*, *Osiris* and *Prometeo*. Of these *Maitreya* and *Ananda* are not in agreement with the Section. *Van Hook* Lodge, which was dormant, has been revived. Two Lodges, *Destellos* and *Yurasek*, have been dissolved.

Membership.—Twenty-one new members have joined the Society this year but a number have lapsed in Santiago. Two have died. The present membership is 106, not counting those in the two dissentient Lodges.

TERESA DE RISSO,
General Secretary.

BRAZIL

In December 1950 a Convention of the Presidents of the Lodges was held in order to deal, in particular, with administrative affairs, and with a view to extending the work of the Society in our country. Thirty-three representatives of Lodges attended this Convention, as well as the President of the Federation of Lodges of Sao Paulo and four members of the Executive Board of the National Section. Resolutions of great interest in the life of the Society were approved.

The membership stands at 748.

Foundation and Activities of the Lodges.—It is pleasant to notify the foundation of two new Lodges. *Liberdade* Lodge, in Sao Paulo and *Campo Grande* Lodge, in Campo Grande, State of Mato Grosso. The old Lodge *Raja Yoga*, that was in a lethargic state, again came into activity. We must mention the work performed by

the Young Theosophists. Their meetings are always popular due to the interest, enthusiasm and dedication of their leaders. It is worth while to point out the present phase of progress that is maintained especially by the Lodges of Rio de Janeiro, of Salvador and of Sao Paulo, and a certain increase of life in most Lodges.

Federation of Lodges and their own Buildings.—A campaign for "our own Lodge building" is going on in full development, organized by the Lodges of this Capital under the direction of the Federation of Lodges, and by the Lodges of Rio de Janeiro. Every one of these movements has collected an amount of more than 70,000 Cr. All this makes us think that in the course of next year the Lodges of Sao Paulo will have at least acquired the land where their own "Quarters" will be built up. We ask urgently those

responsible for this campaign not to weaken. The responsibility is great in the face of so important an interest in the life of the Society.

Work of Brotherhood.—In order to encourage the Theosophical work in this Capital, and to strengthen the bonds of comradeship among the members of the different Lodges here, and to establish cultural and social relations with other organizations, monthly meetings have been held with the participation of all the Lodges, every one being successively in charge of direction. The programme, being one part of Art and one part of Theosophical teachings, has been very successful as is proved by the increasing number of people attending such meetings.

Work of Propaganda.—Having the deep conviction that the development of the Theosophical work in our country is strongly dependent upon the distribution of books on this subject, a special effort in such direction has been made. So that, with great satisfaction, we state that 14 books have been published recently.

"O Teosofista."—This efficient vehicle of propaganda continues successfully in its work. This has been possible due to the dedication of those in charge of this work. The economical situation of this official magazine has been difficult in these last months, and if it continues, we shall perhaps be forced to print it every two months. In order to avoid such a disagreeable decision, we ask, earnestly, chiefly of the old contributors in Rio de Janeiro, to give us their regular and essential contribution.

"Amor."—Under this name has been published an interesting magazine by "Alcione" Lodge of Salvador, State of Bahia. According to its Editors it is well received and gives to that Lodge the invaluable service of drawing and of spreading Theosophical ideas.

Other Publications.—It is necessary to stress here the efficient work of *O Fraternista*, publication of the "Fraternidade" Lodge of this Capital, whose aim is propaganda of Theosophical ideas, to give every member the opportunity to publish his articles, and to keep all its members in contact with the life of the Society. It is useful to have the pamphlets for free distribution.

"Directoria" and Propaganda.—The Vice-President of the T. S. in Brazil, Profesora Cinira Riedel de Figueiredo, continues as head of this Section. She has unfolded with dedication and intelligence the work under her direction. She is waiting for the acquisition of our own building in order to be able to push a campaign to buy a printing machine. Among other activities in this field we can mention the following: (a) Visits to the Lodges in the interior in order to stimulate their work, our brothers Dr. Alberto Lyra, Joao Batista Brito Pinto, Virgilio Goulart Penteadó and others having participated in these trips; (b) Distribution of material of Theosophical propaganda; (c) Correspondence with sympathizers in Theosophy; (d) Preparation of the handbook of the M. T. S.

Printing of the New Rules and Regulations of the T. S. in Brazil.—We state with pleasure the measures taken in this direction in order to facilitate the foundation of new Lodges and for the guidance of the ones already in existence.

Eighth Theosophical Congress.—According to the decision of the General Council the next Theosophical Congress will be held in the City of Belo Horizonte, from 10th to 20th July next year. Due to its importance for the life of our Society, we hope for the help of all the Lodges in order that it may be a complete success. As the one held last in Salvador, State of Bahia, drew 90 members from other

States, we hope that in Belo Horizonte more members will be present.

Life Insurance Policies on behalf of the T. S.—It is with great satisfaction that we mention the noble gesture of our fellow member, Prof. Hostilio Soares, President of "Bhagavad Gautama", from Belo Horizonte, State of Minas Gerais, in giving as legacy two

policies valued Cr. 500.000 issued by the "Institute de Previdenciae Assistencia do Estado" (IPASE), on behalf of the World Theosophical Society. In making this statement, we give our thanks to that brother.

ARMANDO SALES,
General Secretary.

BULGARIA

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ICELAND

During the last period of work here 36 members have enrolled, a new Lodge ("Viola") came into existence, and a book-publishing work was started. A lottery within the Society raised 17,000.00 Icelandic crowns.

We had three propaganda evenings as usual, and also one for new members. I conducted a study-group ("the Black Rose") and several times I lectured over the Radio of the State.

On November 17th we celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Theosophical Society with a meeting in the Headquarters Hall, and at the same time with short speeches over the Radio of the State.

The Order of Service has been very active, and it is the Order we have to thank for the good result of the lottery and thereby the possibility of publishing Theosophical books.

Mr. Edwin C. Bolt, from Edinburgh, had his Summer School this year in

Hverageroi, a place in the neighbourhood of Reykjavik. The School was well attended.

In short: I think the Theosophical Society in Iceland has now a new springtime, and as in nature, it brings with it some freshness, a spirit of adventure and new energy and hope.

At the Annual Convention, held on September 30th and October 1st, I was re-elected General Secretary for the 15th time. On Monday evening, October 1st, I gave a public lecture on Karma. The hall was crowded.

Of course with increasing activity in the Society my work also increases, but *de facto* my wife is my Assistant General Secretary, and that saves the situation.

The membership stands at 243, an increase of 28 on last year's figures.

GRETAR FELLS,
General Secretary.

SPAIN

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PORTUGAL

The chief happening in our Section was the resignation of our General Secretary, Dr. Delio Nobre Santos, who had to resign for personal reasons. He had carried on splendid work and left the Section in very good condition.

As I was the Vice-President, I took again the burden of finishing the term of Dr. Nobre Santos, in order to avoid difficulties in the Section. The Directing Council endeavoured to go on with the work or, at least, to maintain that which had been won.

Concerning the number of members, our Treasurer informed us that we had last year 218 members in 11 Lodges. During this year, 25 members joined, but 13 left. We have actually 230, 164 in Lisbon and 48 in the country, and 18 more who are in the T.S. gratuitously, not being able to pay their quota.

Lodge *Maitreya* published a translation into Portuguese of the booklet: "Le Végétarisme à la Lumière de la Théosophie", by A. Besant.

We celebrated with festivals the chief Theosophical anniversaries: The Opening of the Work, Foundation Day, Christmas Day, Adyar Day, the General Ordinary Convention, White Lotus Day, a festival of Brotherhood, in which all the Lodges met together, and so on.

The hall and the lecture-room of our premises have been painted and rearranged. The expenses are not yet entirely repaid to a brother who lent the necessary amount, but it was a very useful work.

Some young Theosophists gave original lectures, such as: *Saint Anthony of Lisbon, as thinker and mystic*, and *Christianism and its Message*, by Manuel Lopes da Silva; *Theosophy and Christianity*, by Humberto Costa (medical student); *The General Principles of Direction and Organisation*, by Major João Guisado Mota Carmo; *Spirituality and Music*, by Alvaro Loureiro; *Good and Evil*, by Maria Júlia Santana; *The Spiritual Inheritance of Theosophy*, by Manuel Lopes da Silva; *The Theosophical Conception of the Logos and its Projection in Greek Thought and Mediaeval Philosophy*, by Dr. Maria da Gloria Pires Firmino; *Evolution of Life and Form*, by Humberto Alvares da Costa.

The Old Theosophists worked very well also. We can chiefly quote a splendid lecture of Felix Bermudes: *Man's Subtle Bodies*.

May the Blessing of the Masters be on our work and may we contribute to brotherhood and peace in the world.

JEANNE SYLVIE LEFÈVRE,
General Secretary.

WALES

Membership.—During the year 20 new members have been enrolled and five F. T. S. from England have been transferred to Wales. Two former F. T. S. have been reinstated. There have been 5 losses by death, 5 members have lapsed, 4 have transferred to other Sections and one has resigned. The present membership is

174 as compared with 162 on September 30th 1950—a gain of 12.

Lodges and Centres.—The Pontypool Lodge returned its Charter in November 1950. The old Newport Lodge, which had been dead for some years, was revived in the same month, the President having agreed that it should be reinstated under its old Charter,

which had not been returned. This Lodge will, for the present, cover the whole of Monmouthshire. It holds meetings for members and enquirers fortnightly and public lectures monthly. The meetings are held in the Civic Centre, Newport.

Cardiff and Colwyn Bay Lodges continue to be very active, holding regular members meetings and public lectures. A speakers class has been started in Cardiff.

The other Lodges are still more or less inactive though some signs of life are there, and efforts to renew public interest are under consideration. The difficulty is to get lecturers who can spend some time in an area. At Wrexham the Lodge has lost its room and has also lost the help of active members by ill health and transfer.

In Carmarthenshire, West Wales, there are two groups of F.T.S. who meet at intervals and public lectures have been held at Carmarthen, the county town—but owing to the scattered area it has not yet been possible to form a Lodge.

Annual Conventions.—Two Conventions have been held during the year—the first in October 1950 in Cardiff when Mrs. Lavender Berry was the guest speaker. The second, our thirtieth, was held in Colwyn Bay, North Wales in June 1951, when Mr. John Coats was the guest speaker. This was arranged in June to suit the local Lodge and this was possible owing to a change in the rules of our Society (see later paragraph). A Convention had not been held in North Wales since 1936. This gathering was therefore of special significance. The keynote was "Our Future Preparedness".

75th Anniversary of the founding of the Society was celebrated in Cardiff in a programme presented by the Young Theosophists of the Cardiff Lodge on Foundation Day. This consisted of a biography of Madame Blavatsky written by Mr. Charles James, for three

voices, and also a performance of one scene from the play "Valiant" by Stella B. Mouat—the scene where Mrs. Besant meets H. P. B. for the first time. The evening was a very successful one. Two F. T. S. from North Wales attended the Jubilee Convention at Adyar.

The General Secretary gave a public lecture in Cardiff, Carmarthen and Newport on the Theosophical Society and its work since its foundation.

Outstanding Events.—Mr. and Mrs. Pearson of U. S. A. visited Wales in the summer and gave lectures to members and the public in Cardiff, Colwyn Bay and Penarth.

Other distinguished visitors to the section during the year were Rev. Tyssul Davies, Mrs. Adelaide Gardner, Mr. C. R. Groves, Mr. Edward Gall, Mrs. Stevenson Howell, Miss Ianthe Hoskins, Dr. Hugh Shearman and Mrs. Guy Stephenson. The year closed with a visit to Cardiff on September 29th and 30th by Srimati Rukmini Devi, who brought inspiration and enthusiasm to F. T. S. from South and West Wales. She gave two public lectures in the Besant Hall, at both of which the hall was filled.

Young Theosophists continue to take an active part in the work in Cardiff, Carmarthen and Newport.

British Isles and Ireland Regional Committee.—The General Secretary has attended all meetings of the Regional Committee.

The European Federation Council meetings held at Camberley in July were attended by the General Secretary and one delegate from South Wales (Miss G. Craven) and one from North Wales (Miss E. Edwards).

United Nations.—The S. Wales Organizer of the U. N. Association gave a public lecture during the year under the auspices of the Cardiff Lodge. The U. N. A. branch attached to Cardiff Lodge keeps in close touch with the work through its Secretary Miss W. B. Knowles, who is President of

the Cardiff Lodge. Other members of the Cardiff Lodge are also in close touch with the work of the British Council in Cardiff.

Revision of Rules and Constitution. In order to facilitate efficient organization of the work, the Rules and Constitution of the Society in Wales were revised during the year. The financial year will now end on December 31st. The officers of the Society (General Secretary and National Treas-

urer) will be elected triennially. The next election will take place in March 1952.

Headquarters Premises.—Much essential repair and decoration work was carried out during the summer vacation. The Besant Hall has been painted and looks very attractive. This Hall is rented by the Cardiff Lodge and is therefore used every week.

E. CLAUDIA OWEN,
General Secretary.

POLAND

No Report

URUGUAY

The activities in this Section took the form of Lodge work, study classes, library socials and public lectures.

There are five active Lodges and one Study Group. The membership is now 62.

Work of the Lodges.—As in previous years, the Lodges worked on two parallel lines: (1) The study of Theosophy, led by members and visitors; (2) The relating of these teachings with daily life and world problems.

Public Lectures.—The veteran Theosophist, Dr. E. Alfonso, gave well-attended public lectures. Each week the Morya study group organized lectures with lecturers from outside the Society who are in sympathy with our teachings. White Lotus Day was celebrated in May with a good attendance of members.

The Library.—This year not so many books were borrowed but a number of books were bought and others

were given. The catalogue has been revised and the Trust is studying the means of increasing this work of propaganda.

Exhibition of Paintings.—Señor Radaelli, President of Ariel Lodge, held an exhibition of his paintings in which he gives Theosophical teachings in an original way. Criticism and the attendance of the public were very good.

At the 25th Convention of the Section held in Montevideo in August, Señor Enrique Molina was elected General Secretary in succession to Señor Luis Sarthou who had held that office for six years.

The aim of the Section is to maintain the work of the Section and the teachings of Theosophy at the highest level of public regard.

LUIS SARTHOU,
General Secretary.

PUERTO RICO

Our work this year has gone on in the usual way.

We have the same number of members, 86 in 7 Lodges.

Mr. A. J. Plard, former General Secretary, is giving us a wonderful course at our meetings on Sunday mornings, "The Tenets of Theosophy" and is very much liked by the members. We meet one evening during the week to study different books.

The Herald.—Though still in mimeograph form this is doing good work. We translate into Spanish some of the articles from *The Theosophist*, *The American Theosophist* and many other papers that we receive, and distribute then, free of charge, to Cuba, Mexico, Central and South America, giving an opportunity to those who do not know English to read them. We receive very often letters of appreciation for the work we are doing.

We have celebrated all the Theosophical festivals of the year.

We also held our Convention in San Juan in April 1951 with the attendance of all the Lodges from the island. We held a very successful gathering.

We try to keep together in the most fraternal manner, and the co-operation of all the members is marvellous.

As I could not go to India as I had planned, I went to Olcott, Wheaton, Ill. for the three weeks of activities of the Theosophical Society in the U.S.A. I had the privilege of being in touch with Mr. N. Sri Ram, who did quite a good share of the work during this period.

It is lovely to see how all our senior Theosophists travel about, trying to bring Light to this world of darkness.

ESPERANZA C. HOPGOOD,

General Secretary.

CEYLON

Owing to the fact that the Double-Diamond Jubilee Convention of the Theosophical Society was held in Madras at Christmas 1950 many members from other countries passed through Ceylon this year on their way to and from Adyar. Advantage was taken of their presence to hold a number of meetings in Colombo under the auspices of Lanka Lodge. Eight members from Ceylon, including the Presidential Agent, were able to attend the Jubilee Convention.

In February we had the joy of having the International President, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, with us as he was passing through Ceylon on his way to Australia and New Zealand. During his two

days' stay he gave a public lecture and addressed the members.

Throughout the year regular fortnightly meetings were held, followed by discussion. The speakers included Mr. N. K. Choksy, K.C., Dr. K. Motwani and Mrs. Thiedeman. In addition a Study Group was conducted on alternate weeks. There were thus weekly meetings on some aspect of Theosophy and members attended more regularly.

Recently Mr. N. K. Choksy had the honour of being appointed as Acting Judge of the Supreme Court of Ceylon.

The membership in Ceylon stands at 60, a gain of 4 over last year.

N. K. CHOKSY,
Presidential Agent.

The number of Lodges remains the same, seven; six of them are in Athens and one is in Salonica. In Cyprus there is none in spite of a sufficient number of members. Cyprian Theosophists believe they are not enough united yet to begin a common work.

Greek Theosophists pursued their work this year along 4 central lines with the same zeal as always: (1) A number of brothers studied in *Orpheus* Lodge ancient Greek Theosophy, (2) *Plato and Nirvana* Lodges continued the study of Theosophical literature, (3) In *Annie Besant's* Lodge there were studies in Theosophy and Science, and (4) the members of *Light and Socrates* Lodges continued their efforts in the way of self-knowledge.

The Greek Theosophical bulletin *Theosophicon Deltion* has been issued

regularly during the year every three months. Our library was open all the year and the circulation of Theosophical books was very active.

We continued this year Theosophical Evenings once a month. The Presidents of the Lodges successively developed several Theosophical subjects of general interest.

The highly increased prices of printing material and wages of the printers have rendered impossible the publication of the translations in Greek language of important Theosophical books, for example, *The Key to Theosophy*, and others. So many brothers here cannot read our many important Theosophical writings unless translated.

KIMON PRINARIS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

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PARAGUAY

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PHILIPPINES

Number of Lodges.—At the end of the year under report, the Philippine Section consisted of 13 duly chartered Lodges, with 307 members. The number of our Lodges has increased from 12 to 13, with the corresponding increase of 18 members, represented by the organization of Cavite Lodge in

Cavite, under the personal leadership of Bro. Lt. Jose R. Zulueta, one of our very active members. The number of members in all others Lodges remains the same as before.

Annual Convention.—Our first activity for this year was the Annual Convention held last December, 1950, at

which the National Officers of the Section were elected. Old officers of the Section have endorsed the idea of electing young men to positions of national responsibility but to no avail, as the former were all re-elected to their respective offices. However, we hope to introduce our fine young men to the administration field in the future.

General Headquarters Activities.—Our Headquarters is now the centre of intensive Theosophical activities. Lectures on different branches of Theosophy are given there every Sunday with good attendance.

Besides the Sunday lectures, monthly inter-Lodge meetings held on every first Sunday of the month attract good crowds. These meetings are held in combination with musical and literary programmes which prove very fruitful to the Society as they draw good elements into the fold of the Section.

Lodge Activities.—In addition to the lectures given at the General Headquarters, Lodges in the City of Manila hold weekly meetings, where talks and lectures on different phases of Theosophy are given. This is another avenue of Theosophical propaganda which gives good results. Outsiders are often invited to these meetings, for the lectures on Theosophy are intended for people who do not find their way to the General Headquarters lectures.

Philippine Theosophist.—This is the organ of the Section whose publication, due to lack of funds, was suspended about two years ago, but the present administration will do its best to place this magazine again into the hands of members and non-members.

International Visitors.—Since the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Cook

last year, no other visitors from abroad have come so far to the Philippines. We therefore hope that one or two of them will pay us a visit some time next year, especially our beloved President, whose presence here every member of the Section has been clamouring for many years.

Our Prospects.—While we do not know what prospects we have in the way of Lodge increases, we have the feeling that judging from the interest shown by outsiders in the teachings of Theosophy, if not an increase in the number of Lodges, at least an increase in the number of members may be expected. Every Lodge and member in the Philippine Section is now working to achieve that goal—increase in numbers either in Lodges or members.

Our Plans.—We have quite a number of plans to disseminate Theosophy in the Philippines, but our financial conditions and possibilities may prove an obstacle in carrying them out. However, the different lectures on Theosophy mentioned in the preceding paragraph will continue to the best of our ability. The present administration has organized classes on Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced Theosophy for our young members for the purpose of giving them good Theosophical training—good enough for them to become efficient lecturers for field work. We have here many young men and young women whom we believe to be worthy for the ground we are preparing, and we hope to be of better service to the Masters in this part of the world.

OLIMPIO A. CABELLON,
Acting General Secretary.

COLOMBIA

Owing to the circumstances of this country which limit our meeting, and the difficulties in the Provinces, ten of our Lodges have been forced to remain inactive. In spite of these difficulties there are ten active Lodges with a total of 120 members.

We hope that when the national karma which is active here in all spheres of life has been worked out there will come a new day to illumine our way.

RAMON MARTINEZ,
General Secretary.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA

Activities in this Section were on the whole well maintained, and in some cases increased.

Members.—The year 1950/51 was a year of steady growth. 80 members have joined the Section this year, giving an increase of 69 and bringing the total membership to 214. It is encouraging to note the large proportion of young men among the new members, an increase of about 48 per cent for the year.

Lodges.—We have 8 active Lodges now. The Lodge *Laxmi* at Kisumu is dissolved because it had no constant membership. In its place a new Lodge by name *Kisumu* with more enthusiastic youths has been established, and they hold meetings every week attended by many enquirers, and study books containing Theosophical teachings. Another new Lodge *Mwanza* is at Mwanza, and the members are very active and show a strong sense of unity.

Our Lodges in general are in fact all study groups, being small and composed according to the inclination of their respective members.

The founder members of *Mombasa Lodge*, and *Shri Krishna Lodge*, at Mombasa and Zanzibar, have always shown their devotion and regard for Headquarters, Adyar, by endeavouring to send important contributions to the Adyar Fund.

Lodge Study Class.—At Dar-Es-Salaam some of the enthusiastic members started this class conducted by Bro. Dalal. The class met on alternate Thursdays and attracted public interest. *The First Principles of Theosophy*, by C. Jinarājadāsa, was started and completed within three months.

Question and Answer Meetings.—These were started at Dar-Es-Salaam by the members of *Shri Naryana Lodge* as an experimental measure and have proved to be successful.

Celebrations.—The birthdays of the founders of great religions were celebrated by almost all Lodges. White Lotus Day and Founders' Day were duly observed at Mombasa, Nairobi and Zanzibar.

Birthday of Bro. C. Jinarājadāsa.—During the year the birthday of our beloved President Bro. C. Jinarājadāsa marked a special day, inasmuch as there was a double Jubilee, the completion of 75 years of the Society and the completion by the President of seventy five years in this incarnation on the 16th December, 1950. This presented a unique occasion not to be missed. Bro. P. D. Master of Mombasa Lodge conceived the happy idea of marking this auspicious occasion by expressing our pleasure in some concrete way and suggested that everyone who can should donate seventy five coins, and

send the same to Adyar as collection on Adyar Day. The collection of the Mombasa Lodge amounted to Rs. 1,234-2-8.

East African Section's Correspondence Secretary.—To help the members of the Theosophical Society in Africa to understand Theosophy and relative principles, the Executive Committee of the East African Section has appointed Bro. P. D. Master of Mombasa Lodge to work as the Corresponding Secretary.

Lodge Library.—At Zanzibar and Dar-Es-Salaam a good stock of books is being kept for members' use and they are available for sale at actual cost. Thanks for this arrangement are given to Bro. Dwarkadas M. Shah at Zanzibar. At Mombasa, Bro. P. D. Master has a very fine and valuable library of his own, and he has spent his whole life's income in purchase and stock of very costly books.

Section Magazine.—*Saurabh*, now a three monthly magazine, appears in Gujarati/English language from Dar-Es-Salaam. It is the Section's magazine, and is distributed free to almost all the members through the Lodges. It is serving a good purpose as an organ of Theosophical activities in East Africa. It is also a means of propaganda.

Visitors.—During the year this Section had visits from members including Mr. and Mrs. Stakesby-Lewis, Mr. J. J. van Ginkel, Mr. A. S. Dalal, Mr. and Mrs. Mitford-Barberton, Mrs. van Ess, Miss Macgowan and Mrs. Grossman.

Bro. Ambalal B. Patel of Nairobi Lodge and Bro. Jayant D. Shah of Shri Narayan Lodge attended the Convention at Adyar, and presented greetings on behalf of the East African Section.

The Ananda Publications.—A publication scheme for the publication of Theosophical books especially in Hindi has been evolved in which the Indian

Section and the East African Section will collaborate. This scheme has already seen the light of day, and as a result the first issue of the Hindi Theosophical journal under the name of *Hindi Monthly Ananda* has been published. It is programmed to publish, besides a regular monthly issue of *Ananda*, from six to eight books on Theosophy every year. Zanzibar brethren promised to contribute about Rs. 27,000/- and from Mombasa Bro. P. D. Master has promised to get subscribers for the amount of Rs. 8,000/- or more. I am pleased to state that already about Rs. 35,000/- from both places have been remitted to the *Ananda Publications*.

East African Section's Third Annual Convention.—A happy and enthusiastic Convention in Dar-Es-Salaam was held over the Easter Weekend, 23rd to 26th March, 1951. Delegates attended from Nairobi, Mombasa, Zanzibar and Pemba. They numbered about 50 and were given nice and comfortable accommodation in the heart of the town. Bro. Rohit Mehta, General Secretary of the Indian Section of the Theosophical Society, and his wife Shridevi Mehta, were specially invited to attend. During the three days Mr. Rohit Mehta delivered five lectures and invariably drew excellent audiences. Shridevi Mehta's lectures during Convention days were also deeply appreciated by members and public alike. The success was largely due to the presence of Bro. Rohit Mehta and his special efforts.

The five days before the start of the Convention were utilised in having public lectures by both Mr. and Mrs. Rohit Mehta. Shridevi Mehta was busy giving lectures in Gujarati, Hindi, and even in English among the ladies of all sections.

After Convention Bro. Rohit Mehta and Shridevi Mehta made an extensive tour. They gave about 20 lectures in

Dar-Es-Salaam. They covered Tangan-yika, Uganda, Belgian Congo, Kenya, Zanzibar and Pemba in about one and a half months, visiting Lindi, Morogoro, Tabora, Mwanza, Entebbe, Kampala, some sight-seeing in Belgian Congo, then again Kampala, Jinja, Kisumu, Nairobi, Arusha, Mosi, Tanga, Mombasa, Zanzibar and Chake-Chake

(Pemba). In all the tour 85 lectures were delivered by Bro. Rohit Mehta, and about 45 by Shridevi Mehta. Main stress was laid on racial harmony and our service to humanity. As a result Europeans, Asians and Africans gave them a very hearty welcome.

D. M. SHAH,
General Secretary.

PAKISTAN

The work of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan has been steadily progressing. All its six Lodges have reported continuous activities. The *Karachi* Lodge continues to be the strongest Lodge of the Section. It has reported this year an increase of 36 members. Its activities are well planned to meet the needs of different members. The study class in Theosophy particularly formed a nucleus of earnest students. The Lodge *Laos* held several public lectures on Theosophical, philosophical, educational, economic and cultural subjects, and has been able to invite prominent scholars and personalities of the Capital City of Pakistan to address from its platform. A new study class on Theosophy and Freemasonry has attracted another small nucleus of students interested in the study of the subjects. The Lodge has also been working in close collaboration with the United Nations Association of Pakistan. The Theosophical Order of Service has rendered good service to the poor, the ailing and the refugees and has co-operated with other social service agencies in the City for the work of the Remand Home, the School for the Blind and other institutions. Money has been raised by these workers for supplying clothes to the inmates of the Remand Home, and several workers have helped with knitting for these boys. Two Lodges reported last year as having

been revived have this year reported steady work and progress. The *Quetta* Lodge and *Jamshed Nagar* Lodge at Karachi have both maintained steady activities, holding weekly meetings. The *Comilla* Lodge has now reported a membership of 7 and has regularized its existence by paying annual dues for the year. The *Besant* Lodge at Hyderabad has also reported greater activity during this year. This Lodge is preparing to celebrate its Golden Jubilee in the near future. It has reported an increase of 18 members. The *Rukmini Devi* Youth Lodge has also been meeting several times.

Total increase of membership during the year was 48. Total membership of six Lodges and one Centre on 30-9-51, 280.

During the year Mr. U. K. Sujana and Mrs. Minwalla visited the *Besant* Lodge at Hyderabad and Miss K. Engineer visited the Lodge at Quetta. Her talks to the members there are reported to have been very favourably received. The *Quetta* Lodge further reports work in hospitals. They also hold a study class in Theosophy.

It is planned to visit the Lodges in East Pakistan early next year, and we are hoping to revive the Lodges at Comilla and Jessore and to establish a Centre at Dacca which is the Capital of East Pakistan. Attempts are also being made to revive the work in Multan and Lahore, and to reclaim

two fine properties in these places which have been unlawfully occupied by refugees.

A great need is felt throughout Pakistan for Urdu Books on Theosophy, and attempts will soon be made

to publish some of our Theosophical classics in the national language of the country.

JAMSHED NUSSERWANJI,

Presidential Agent.

MALAYA AND SINGAPORE

Although the total membership of this area based on Headquarters dues paid, remains level with last year, 105, a 10% larger figure would give the true total of persons interested in Theosophy. A new Lodge of eleven members received its Charter on July 14th 1951 in Seremban, one of the nearest towns to the centre of bandit activity. A new lamp of Theosophical study has also been lit in the most northerly towns of Malaya and Kota Baharu, by the entrance of a brother living there, into the Society. The membership is thus spreading geographically. All the religions of Malaya are represented within the membership, and all Lodges have members of three or more religions and races amongst them. Theosophy can be said therefore to appeal to all sections of the people of Malaya.

It is with great gratitude that Lodges report visits of touring lecturers. The Vice-President Mr. Cook with a party of four returning to Adyar from U. S. A., the Treasurer Mr. C. D. T. Shores on his recent visit, Dr. Malalasekera, Swami Satyananda and others, have all helped the Lodges and members with the information and wisdom they have imparted.

Penang Lodge reports increased public lectures and large social gatherings in the house of its President, whose Theosophical library is extensively used by the members, while the members' meetings continue with good attendances.

Selangor Lodge, Kuala Lumpur, has kept up regular weekly meetings for members and held a public meeting for the visit of the Treasurer.

Seremban Lodge since its inception in January 1951 has met in good strength every Sunday evening. Its members are all engaged individually in some form of humanitarian activity.

Singapore Lodge continues with three weekly meetings and a good record of public work being done by its members. One of these members, with a long nursed interest in the political field, was this year elected a Legislative Councillor of the Colony of Singapore.

The study of Theosophy shows plainly the unity behind all religious differences, the spark of Divine good within each human heart, and the progressive unfolding of order and harmony in the races of men, which knowledge is sorely needed in Malaya to-day. If therefore members can make a bridge of applied Theosophy over all present misunderstandings of people of different creeds, customs and races, they will reap the good harvest of becoming a centre round which others will group who are endeavouring to form in Malaya—in a spirit of true equity and sympathy—the nation that is to be.

HILDA B. MOORHEAD,

Presidential Agent.

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Theosophical Society in Northern Ireland has had a year of quiet work and service. We had helpful visits in the spring and early summer from Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearson, and from Mrs. Ransom, who was the Guest of Honour at our annual Convention. Relative to the size of membership, the number of meetings and group activities and the range of studies and interests pursued have been very large, and we have a small but very earnest group of members who form a good core for our work.

The scattered distribution of our members through the province is a major problem; and contact with members outside the metropolitan area of Belfast involves much work, and yet is not at all as effective as one would wish. Thus the loss, during the year, of the Lodge room of Coleraine Lodge is a serious blow to the little group of widely scattered members who used it as a point of convergence.

Membership has decreased by 2 this year, making a total of 77.

HUGH SHEARMAN,

Presidential Agent.

INDO-CHINA

The year 1950-51 was a year of progress. From January 1951 there was a great change materially, morally, intellectually and spiritually.

Materially.—

(a) The number of members is almost double that of last year. In the previous year there were 70 members and there are now 135.

(b) Four new Lodges have been formed, namely:

Branche de Vinhlong
Branche de Chaudoc
Branche de Longxuyen
Branche de Tanchau

Another Lodge is in the course of formation in Saigon.

(c) A Theosophical Headquarters costing more than 400,000 piastres is in the course of construction. A number of our members subscribed 40,000 piastres. M. and Mme. Nguyen van Luong donated 350,000 piastres and also the land. M. and Mme. Nguyen van Huan gave 30,000 piastres.

(d) The book entitled *Theosophy and the Theosophical Society* written by

Brother Pham-Ngoc-Da and edited by some members has been published. Also three propaganda pamphlets have been issued. A book entitled *The Road to the Masters* containing extracts from certain chapters in *The Masters and the Path* translated by Nguyen van Luong has also been published. The first edition of 10,000 copies is sold and the second edition of 10,000 is being made. A booklet *Atomic Force* written by Bros. Pham Ngoc Da and Truong-Khuong is in the press. A Theosophical Review entitled *Thong Thien Hoc tap chi* or *Theosophist* is under preparation. It will be edited and financed by M. Nguyen van Huan and Mme. Nguyen thi Hai. An edition of 5,000 small booklets of *At the Feet of the Master* was distributed freely by a group of earnest Theosophists.

Morally.—A cold wind is blowing unfortunately over our pioneers but these know how to dominate it for the love of the Masters. They have made sacrifices of their lower selves to continue on their way towards the light and

Universal Brotherhood. It is meritorious for them, and hopeful for the future of Theosophy in Viet-Nam.

Intellectually.—Members met each month for public lectures and each week to exchange ideas and reply to questions.

Spiritually.—Some members are capable of great devotion to the work of

the Masters. They seek to live that which they have learned. We hope that through our devotion we shall cause our compatriots to love Theosophy. We dedicate our work this year to the Theosophical Society, to Mr. Jinarājadāsa and to the Masters.

PHAM NGOC DA,
Presidential Agent.

STATE OF ISRAEL

No Report

JAPAN

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CANADIAN FEDERATION

In the last Annual Report of the Canadian Federation comment was made on the anticipated visit of the International Vice-President, Mr. Sidney A. Cook, to our Lodges in Vancouver, B. C. and Calgary, Alberta. Accompanied by his charming wife, Dr. J.T-N. Cook, the Vice-President arrived in Vancouver on October 10th and both he and Mrs. Cook addressed a members' meeting the same afternoon. A public lecture was presented in Salon "A", Hotel Vancouver in the evening, and was well attended despite torrential rainstorms outside. The following day Mr. and Mrs. Cook journeyed to Calgary, Alberta, by air, and spoke before an enthusiastic gathering.

The Canadian Federation would again record its appreciation of the fine co-operation received from the Theosophical Society in America in sharing with us the services of Mr. James S. Perkins, Mr. Seymour Ballard, and Mr. N. Sri Ram

during the year under report. During November 1950, prior to his leaving for Adyar, Mr. Perkins presented public lectures under the auspices of Besant Lodge, Victoria, B.C. and Hermes Lodge, Vancouver, B.C., at both of which he had audiences of over 300 people who listened with rapt attention. During April 1951 the services of Mr. Seymour Ballard, of Headquarters Staff at Wheaton, were secured, and a tour of Federation Lodges in Victoria, B.C., Vancouver, B.C., Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta, was undertaken, and public lectures in Theosophy were presented in a fascinating and convincing manner by this gifted young speaker. The high-light of our Theosophical season, however, was the visit to the Pacific Coast of Mr. N. Sri Ram, who, while visiting the Lodges in Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., addressed large audiences in both cities, and endeared himself to the membership of

Besant and Hermes Lodges by his personal charm and the thought-provoking quality of his addresses. It is regrettable that Mr. Sri Ram's brief stay on this continent did not allow him to visit the Federation Lodges in Calgary, Edmonton and Winnipeg this year, where he would have been warmly welcomed, and where there is a distinct need of the services of prominent Theosophical lecturers.

Under the auspices of the North West Federation of the Theosophical Society in America a fifteen-minute radio broadcast on Theosophical topics is presented by wire-recording over radio station K.V.O.S. Bellingham, Washington, U.S. on Sunday mornings at 9.45 a.m. just prior to the news broadcast. By announcements made at the public lectures at Hermes Lodge, Vancouver, and Besant Lodge, Victoria, and attention directed to the broadcasts in our newspaper advertising of public lectures, the Canadian Federation hopes to benefit from this fine propaganda effort being made by our American friends. The Canadian Federation welcomed four excellent speakers from the North West Federation in Seattle, who visited Vancouver during the year and lectured for Hermes Lodge. In return the Canadian Federation sent a speaker to lecture in Spokane, Washington. It is hoped in future that a greater reciprocity of speakers can be arranged between these neighbouring Federations.

The Secretary of Hermes Lodge, Vancouver, B.C. reports that Hermes Lodge was incorporated under the Societies Act of British Columbia on April 26th 1951 in order that it may assume ownership of the Lodge property. It is anticipated that the financial obligation against the premises, which was assumed by three trustees at time of purchase, will be liquidated in the not-too-far-distant future, when the Lodge will become the registered owner of the premises.

Public lectures on Theosophy continue to be presented every Sunday evening by our Lodges in Vancouver, Victoria and Winnipeg, while regular members' meetings and occasional public lectures are held by our Lodges in Calgary, Edmonton and North Vancouver. While certain Lodges have gained numerically during the past year, the Canadian Federation as a whole does not show a growth of membership at this time, but on the other hand we are confident that Theosophy is being presented to an ever-growing number of people who attend our public lectures and use the facilities of our Lodge libraries. The total active membership is 184, a decrease of 4 from last report. The Federation is in good condition financially and with funds available for practical propaganda work, we look forward to increasing our sphere of usefulness in the service of Humanity and the Masters.

JAMES G. BREMNER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN EUROPE

(FEDERATION OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES)

The year 1950 will always stand out in the history of the Theosophical Society because the Double Diamond-Jubilee brought together a great number of officials and visitors from all over the world to Adyar and linked

once more very closely together the various Sections with their International Headquarters.

Europe was well represented by the General Secretary and the Assistant General Secretary of the Theosophical

Society in Europe, and by the General Secretaries of Belgium, England, the Netherlands, Scotland and Switzerland, by official delegates from France, Spain and Sweden and also by many other delegates. Finland was represented by His Excellency the Finnish Ambassador in India and Mrs. Valvanne.

After Convention the European Federation offered a tea to all officials and important workers present at Adyar, which the President honoured by his presence.

This year's most important activity of the European Federation has been its Council Meeting at Camberley attended by 70 officials and special invitees from 14 countries, including a large group of Young Theosophists, now fully integrated in our Theosophical work. Two young Theosophists are co-opted as members of the European Council.

The President's message "The Perfume of Theosophy" has been reprinted in most Theosophical periodicals.

The General Secretary visited England on his way to Adyar and after his return, mainly in connection with the preparations for the European Council Meeting. He also visited Italy to make the first preparations for the European Congress in Florence in 1952 and attended at the same time the Italian Convention in May. He further attended the Austrian Convention in Graz in May and also the German Summer School at Rendsburg in July.

The Assistant General Secretary, Mademoiselle Pascaline Mallet, has at the request of the President taken up a special task in France and moved from Eindhoven to Paris. She hopes to be able in some way to continue her work for the Federation.

The European Federation has had again the privilege of a visit of Srimati Rukmini Devi, who spent some

time at the Theosophical Centre at Huizen, of which she is the Head. During her nearly six months' stay in Europe she was invited to visit several Sections and attended also the Summer Schools at Rendsburg in Germany and at Gammel Praestegaard in Denmark, as well as the Swiss, Austrian, Netherlands and Belgian Conventions. She everywhere attracted large audiences at her public lectures.

The Regional activities are developing satisfactorily. They offer many opportunities for closer co-operation between Sections speaking the same language, especially in their dealing with common problems.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom continued to give their valuable contribution to the work in Scandinavia and to Gammel Praestegaard, of which Mrs. Ransom is the Head.

The idea of organising Summer Schools becomes more and more popular. It is interesting to see that these gatherings are also visited by members from other Sections. Besides the Regional Summer School in Nice (France), Summer Schools were held this year also in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Germany and England, as well as a long series of meetings at Gammel Praestegaard and Huizen. All this is very satisfying, as the time has come when the countries in Europe must largely direct their own work from within.

Mrs. Fanny Scheffmacher, member of the Executive Committee, and Mr. A. Sassi the Swiss General Secretary, represented the Theosophical Society at last year's meetings of the Non-Governmental Organizations of the United Nations in Geneva.

Bishop J. I. Wedgwood, from 1913-1921 General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Europe, passed over to the Greater Light in March of this year. We are greatly indebted to him for his long continued and valuable contribution to the Theosophical cause.

This year's new General Secretaries are: Mr. C. R. Groves (England), Serge Brisys (Belgium) and Mme. Jeanne S. Lefèvre (Portugal).

Though the rehabilitation period in Europe lies now behind us, financial support is still needed by some Sections, especially Germany and Austria. Thanks to the Rehabilitation Fund, to which the whole world so generously contributed, we have so far been able to give this, without limiting too much our other activities.

In 1952 a European Congress will be held in Florence (Italy) to be presided over by Mr. Jinarājādāsa. It coincides with the Golden Jubilee of the Italian Section. We are much looking forward to welcoming the President again in Europe. Another welcome visitor in 1952 will be Mr. N. Sri Ram, who is

to visit Europe from May till October, including the European Congress.

In his closing address of this year's Jubilee Convention the President spoke of "the time which will come, when there are millions, whether or not they are called Theosophists, who will be attracted by the great principle of Brotherhood, and to a world where that universal morality will be understood. Then there will be no more war, poverty, ignorance, distress and degradation and at last Universal Brotherhood will be discovered as the great Brotherhood, not only of all mankind, but also brotherhood with God."

It is towards that end every earnest Theosophist is working and for which surely no effort is too great.

J. E. VAN DISSEL,
General Secretary.

WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

The last Annual Business Meeting of the World Federation of Young Theosophists was held at Adyar on December 28 during the 75th International Convention of the Theosophical Society.

Srimati Rukmini Devi presided over the meeting. Greetings were read from various countries where Young Theosophists are especially active, including India, Pakistan, Australia, the European Federation and Cuba. Mr. S. Krishnaratnam, the General Secretary, read the Annual Report, and Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, the Treasurer, presented the annual statement of accounts. The election of officers for 1950-51 was next on the agenda. Since the President's term is a three year one, the election of a person for this office was not necessary. Srimati Rukmini Devi was elected as our President under this new amendment in our constitution in Banaras in 1949. Miss Nancy Froemming was elected

as the new General Secretary and Sri S. Meenakshi Sundaram of Adyar was elected as Treasurer. The new members of the executive committee were Mr. Peter Hoffman, Adyar, Sri C. A. Paramesh of Madras, Sri V. Gopalan of Ahmedabad and Sri I. A. Balandinani of Karachi.

The Youth Day at Convention in Adyar last year was very spirited and successful. However, the maintaining of the enthusiasm has not been too evident in the silence that followed during the year. We wish that we could make every day a Youth Day and thus slowly build the momentum of some solid youth projects, and not save *all* of our shining for the annual meeting at Convention time.

On the 28th of February Srimati Rukmini Devi was greeted on her birthday with a garland on behalf of the Young Theosophists in the World Federation. In April she left for a tour in Europe where she contacted

many youth groups and youth members and the evidence of her presence is recorded in the many reports sent by the Secretary of the European Federation.

Annual Reports for this year have been received from the following countries: India, The United States of America, Australia, Cuba, Mexico, Brazil, and the European Federation consisting of Finland, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Wales, Germany, England, Austria (a new addition), Northern Ireland, Eire, Denmark, Sweden, Luxemburg and Portugal.

Indonesia has expressed a wish to join the W.F.Y.T. So in the next report I hope that we shall be welcoming them.

In conclusion, I wish to say that on the whole a more extensive contact could have been made by the World

Federation with the youth groups to encourage and help the Lodges and countries that are finding it difficult to capture the enthusiasm of the young in the Section. A drive for a more personal contact is needed, and I hope that the next year will see that this contact is made in order to strengthen the feeling in the Theosophical youth that their work in the Lodges and in the outer world is vitally needed to awaken the true spirit of brotherhood, of beauty and justice in the confusion of the politics of the day. We, as the hope of the future must indeed stand together in better understanding and cooperation for a better today and an even greater tomorrow. Lastly, I express my thanks to Rukmini Devi who has been a valuable guide during the year.

NANCY FROEMMING,
General Secretary.

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THE ADYAR LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1950-51

Staff.—I have continued as Hon. Director and Professor Kunhan Raja as Hon. Curator and Editor of the Adyar Library Bulletin, even though still stationed temporarily in the Teheran University, Iran. Kumari A. Sītā Devī has continued as Librarian. Changes in personnel have been many. Sri A. N. Krishna Aiyangar, who since 1937 has been on the Adyar Library Staff as joint Editor of the Adyar Library Bulletin, a Research worker, and Personal Assistant to the Director, has been given the post of Librarian of the National Archives of India in New Delhi. Once before (in 1939) Sri Krishna Aiyangar was loaned for a year as Curator to help establish the Tirupathi Venkatesvara Oriental Research Institute, and even on this occasion was granted a year's leave, remaining still in touch with the Library as one of its Honorary Editors. His work has been reapportioned among the members of the staff with the assistance of Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja, a former Honorary worker, who especially helps as joint Honorary Editor of the Library Bulletin and in Publications. In addition to his duties as Pandit, Sri N. Ramachandra Bhat has taken over the details of the office work, assisted by Sri S. Easwara Sarma, as clerk.

Kumari E. Vani V. Rao, a graduate of Visvabharati University, Santinikethan, is acting as Assistant to the Librarian. Sri K. T. Venkatarama Sarma, due to the increased work in

the Pandit's department connected with the classification and registration of the Visvabharati collection of some 1200 manuscripts received last year from Santinikethan, is now concentrating entirely on the accession and registration of Indian Manuscripts and books.

Pandit V. Krishnamacharya was mainly engaged in the printing of the Descriptive Catalogue of Samskrit MSS. for Mimāṃsa and Advaita Vedānta Sections. This work is now practically finished, save for the Introduction. He has also edited with his own Samskrit Commentary a work called "Mānamāla" by Acyuta-kṛṣṇānandatīrtha, dealing with the nature of various pramāṇas or means of valid knowledge. This was published in our Pamphlet series this year. He is now engaged in the preparation of the Descriptive Catalogue for Viśiṣṭādvaita and other Vedānta Sections.

Sri H. G. Narahari continued the work of preparation of the Descriptive Catalogue of manuscripts for the Kāvya section. The printing of this catalogue is complete save for the Introduction.

He is also engaged in editing and translating Vṛttaratnāvalī of Veṅkaṭeśa an old treatise on Metrics.

Kumari A. Sītā Devī, the Librarian, completed "Language-Barrier or Bridge," which in its attempt to codify grammatical forms and transliterate all linguistic sounds, each with a single character, has won the attention of a number of linguists abroad who are

likewise endeavouring to build a bridge of world unity through language. This was published in the Adyar Library Pamphlet series. She has completed a useful and extensive guidebook to Indian Languages—"From Sindh to Singala" giving basic ideas for ready reference, transliterated into a Roman common denominator in Sindhi, Panjabi, Hindustāni, Gujarati, Bengali, Marathi, Telugu, Kannada, Tamil, Malayalam, and Sinhalese. This work has been carefully checked by natives of each language but can be published only when funds are available. She is working on the long-promised "Soundscript," a shorthand based on the principles of Samskrit phonetics, that will enable its user to write any language with a single phonetic shorthand, and this work is nearing completion.

Sri K. Ramachandra Sarma, besides assisting Pandit Krishnamacharya, has completed the third part of *Sangitaratnākara*, containing chapters 5 and 6, a work edited and prepared ten years ago by Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri. It was released during this year as Adyar Library series No. 78.

Sri V. Narayanaswami Sastri, our veteran Pandit, continues to be in charge of the transcription, comparing, and restoration of manuscripts. An expert on unfamiliar scripts, he is mainly engaged in restoring for the Library such as need urgently to be copied.

While it is almost impossible to measure in a statistical way the work of the Research and Pandit Staff, an attempt has been made throughout the years to list in tabular form such work, and such statistical analyses are to be found as Annexure II.

The Library staff has been engrossed, as is usual, with giving facilities to the residents and students from Madras and its environs who come to consult, read, and borrow books. During the

year 9,861 books and 4,147 manuscripts have been consulted, and 3,091 books borrowed. Our lending facilities are of necessity limited, since our Library is primarily composed of valuable research works and out-of-print books which can only be consulted within the Library itself. If donors desire books to be freely loaned, it will be well to give two copies for the purpose. Owing to the limited space available on the shelves, accession during the year proceeded at a snail's pace, only 459 books and 54 pamphlets being accessed, of which five were books sent to the Adyar Library for review, 2 were exchange copies, and 32 were works purchased. Now that the final transfer of many books has been made to the Annexe, only a stone's throw East of the Library, and since many more duplicate books have been given to the School of the Wisdom, to needy Lodges, and Sections, and many out-of-date old books and pamphlets discarded, room has been made on the shelves for valuable books; and accession is now proceeding apace.

But our general staff in addition to its purely Library duties is always occupied in receiving, conducting, and guiding visitors through the Library. Over 17,327 visitors passed through the Library during the last year, many of them dignitaries of note on tour in India.

The few pictures and carvings exhibited in the Main Room and Manuscript Section all intensify the impression of the Unity of all life and faith, as is so obvious from the fact that in this Library are gathered together the sacred works of every major Faith throughout the world. Though our Hindu and Buddhist sections are probably among the finest in India, our Christian section lines the entire North wall of the Main Room and has been pronounced literally a mine for Bible students. The story of evolution as shown in the silk painting of the Buddhist Tendai faith and the Hindu

carvings of the great doors clearly depicts the unity of old traditional scripture and modern scientific advance.

HELP IS GREATLY NEEDED

Donations.—As the funds of the Library are so very limited we thank most deeply those donors who have contributed their priceless treasures to maintain the standing of our books. See Annexure III. We especially need works, both modern and ancient, depicting the greatness of the various nations and countries of the world. Fine scientific books and works on art are much in demand. The best of fiction is always welcome as our workers appreciate relaxation now and then. Fine modern dictionaries and grammars are needed to keep our splendid linguistic collection up-to-date. We need for example, a new edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica. We also very much need the Monier Williams English-to-Sanskrit Dictionary of which we have not a single copy, and another copy of the Sanskrit-English Dictionary by the same author as our second copy has become too old for general consultation and this work is constantly in demand for use both by the pandits and in the reading-room. If any student could supply these we would be deeply grateful.

We need the latest editions of International Who's Who, but all of our needs cannot be listed in the space of a limited report. And we are deeply grateful to our President and all others who so generously assist us in this regard.

But most of all we need money; for our publication work has come to an absolute standstill for lack of funds. Save for the coins that visitors drop in a small donation box where they sign and which is used, for the most part, to supply decent clothes to the attendants who must conduct these visitors through the library, and other

small amenities, donations have fallen to practically nil. With the generous gift of Gopalji Odhavji, a staunch Theosophist of former years, we commenced the publication of a series of twelve Descriptive Catalogues by subjects, so that research workers in all parts of the world would know what is available in the Adyar Library to assist them in the collation and editing of Sanskrit works. Scholars the world over have made use of the two already published and are continually demanding the early completion of this great undertaking. One volume is in the press, and one is ready for publication but it has had to be suspended for lack of funds. Thus a grave situation arises for the Library. The interest from our dwindling Endowment Fund is not sufficient even to meet the cost of the barest minimum staff but for the addition of an Annual Grant of Rs. 5,000 from the Theosophical Society and Rs. 2,000 from the Adyar Day Fund. Without this money, we would have had to close our doors even to visitors. We exercise the most rigid economy in every detail of staff management and expenditure, three of our workers being only on honorariums, and three working in an entirely honorary capacity, while we are assisted by Honorary Editors without whose aid many notable works could not have been published.

Special Editors.—The "Arya Salis-tamba Sutra," edited by Special Editor Pandit A. Aiyaswami Sastri, Director Cheena Bhavan, Visvabharati was completed and issued as Adyar Library Series No. 76 of this year.

"Idea Of Personality" a series of lectures delivered by Prof. P. N. Srinivasachari at the Madras University in 1939 under the Dr. Annie Besant Memorial Lectureship was published in the Library series as No. 77 during this year. The subjects treated in this work were chosen out of a wide range

connected with Politics, Civics, Sociology, Religion, Philosophy, Ethics, Education, and Fine Arts, all of which are in a way suited to express the dynamic and synthetic genius of Dr. Besant.

"Varahamihira-Horasastram," Vol. 1, Adhyayas I to 10 with an excellent Samskrit commentary "Apurvarthapradasika" by our Honorary Editor A. N. Srinivasa Raghava Aiyangar, is to be completed and released on 1st October 1951 as Adyar Library series No. 79.

The revised and enlarged second edition of "Where Theosophy and Science Meet," Volume II, edited by Prof. D. D. Kanga, which has been in the Press since 1949, will be completed and released on 16th December 1951. This monumental work of 610 pages, excluding the introductions, replete with diagrams, charts, etc. testifies to the vision and courageous perseverance of its editor and his co-workers.

The Second Edition of "The Edicts of Asoka" by Sri G. Srinivasa Murti and Sri A. N. Krishna Aiyangar will also be released as a 16th December Commemoration volume.

Again may I emphasize the need of the Library for funds to continue its publications? We have rare treasures among our manuscripts which it is our duty to share with the world. Scholars are willing and eager to prepare these for publication. Surely money can be found for a work so needed.

And now may I express my most grateful thanks to all my colleagues?

I am particularly grateful to Prof. C. Kunhan Raja, our Curator, to Kumari A. Sītā Devī, our Librarian, and to the Honorary Editors Sri Prof. K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar, Sri N. Aiyaswami Sastri, Pandit M. Duraswami Aiyangar and Sri A. N. Srinivasaraghava Aiyangar for the services they continue to render to the Library. I am equally grateful to all other scholars who have assisted us in the editing of books, to the Vasanta Press for the painstaking care they bestow on the printing of our publications and to the Theosophical Publishing House for its aid in the distribution of our books. The Officers of the Library never cease to be grateful for the loyalty and unfailing co-operation of the Staff without which nothing could be achieved of good in the Library, and even more deeply grateful are they to the President of the Theosophical Society whose sympathetic understanding and inspiration have stirred them at all times to greater endeavour.

Grateful thanks are likewise tendered to members of the Theosophical Society throughout the world who have helped the Library with books and financial aid. We are also grateful to those institutions and governments, Indian and overseas, which continue to send their publications to the Library, and those other institutions, universities, and other learned bodies who continue in exchange relationship with our Library.

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

Hon. Director.

ANNEXURE I

Publications :**A. NEW WORKS COMPLETED AND ISSUED DURING THE YEAR ENDING WITH 30TH SEPTEMBER 1950**

(a) Adyar Library Series Nos. 76 to 79.

76. *Ārya S'ālistamba Sūtra Pratītyasamutpādavibhaṅga Nirdeśasūtra and Pratītyasamutpāda Gāthā Sūtra*—Edited with Tibetan Versions, Notes and Introduction, etc., by N. Aiyaswami Sastri.

77. *Idea of Personality*—(Dr. Annie Besant Memorial Endowment Lectures, University of Madras), by P. N. Srinivasachari.

78. *Samgītaratnākara*—With the Commentaries of Catura Kallinātha and Simhabhūpāla. Edited by Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri, Vol III. (Adhyayas 5, 6).

79. *Varāhamihirahorāśāstram*—Edited by A. N. Srinivasaraghava Aiyangar, with his own commentary *Apūrvārthapradarsikā*, Vol I. (Adhyayas 1-10).

(b) *Pamphlets* : Nos. 25 and 26.

Language-Barrier or Bridge by A. Sita Devi. (Reprinted from the Adyar Library Bulletin, Vols. XIII, XIV and XV, 1948-51.)

Mānamālā by Acyutakṛṣṇānandātīrtha with Rāmānanda's Commentary—Edited by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya (Reprinted from the Adyar Library Bulletin, Vol. XV, Parts 1 and 2, February and May, 1951.)

(c) *Adyar Library Bulletin*, Vol. XIV, Part 4 and Vol. XV, Parts 1, 2 and 3.

B. WORKS COMPLETED AND ISSUED FROM 1-10-51 TO THE DATE OF THE REPORT

Where Theosophy and Science Meet (Parts 3 and 4, God and Law) by a

body of Experts, Edited by Prof. D. D. Kanga, Second Edition—Revised and enlarged of Adyar Library Series No. 21.

Edicts of Asoka (Priyadarśin) with English Translation by Dr. G. Srinivasa Murthi and A. N. Krishna Aiyangar, Adyar Library series No. 72.

C. WORKS IN PROGRESS THROUGH THE BULLETIN AND INDEPENDENTLY

Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit MSS. in the Adyar Library, by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya, Vol. IX—Mīmāṃsā and Advaita-Vedānta.

S'aiva and Śākta Upaniṣads—Translated into English by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar—Edited by Dr. G. Srinivasa Murthi.

Yoga Upaniṣads—Translated into English by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar—and Edited by Dr. G. Srinivasa Murthi. (Second Edition).

Caturdasalakṣaṇi of Gadādhara with three commentaries. Vol. II—Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Āpastambasmṛti—Edited by A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

Samgītaratnākara—With the Commentaries of Catura Kallinātha and Simhabhūpāla. Edited by Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri, Vol IV.

Samgītaratnākara, English Translation—Vol. II, by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit MSS. in the Adyar Library, by H. G. Narahari, Vol. V—Poetry, Drama and Poetics.

Aristotle's Katharsis and Bharata's Sthāyibhāvas—by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Ṛgvedabhāṣya of Skandasvāmin—Edited by Prof C. Kunhan Raja.

Āṅgīrasasmṛti—Edited by A. N. Krishna Aiyangar.

A Synthetic View of Vedānta—by P. N. Srinivasachari.

Vṛttaratnāvali of Venkateśa—with his own commentary—Edited and Translated into English by H. G. Narahari.

D. WORKS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME

1. *Vedāntasāra of Sri Ramanuja* with English Translation by M. B. Narasimha Aiyangar.

Horāsāstra—with the commentary *Apūrvārthapradarsikā* by A. N. Srinivasaraghava Aiyangar, Vol. II.

E. WORKS READY FOR THE PRESS

Āsvalāyanagṛhyasūtra with the Commentaries of Devasvāmin and Nārāyaṇa, Vol. II. Edited by Svami Ravi Tirtha.

Nyāyakusumāñjali of Udayana with the Commentary of Varadarāja. Edited by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja.

Caturdalakṣaṇi of Gadādhara with Commentaries—Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Pakṣatā of Gadādhara with four commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Siddhāntalakṣaṇam of Gadādhara—with commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Avayava of Gadādhara—with commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Sāmānyanirukti of Gadādhara—with commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Vyutpattivāda of Gadādhara—with commentaries. Edited by Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar.

Ten Major Upaniṣads—English Translation by T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar and Edited by G. Srinivasa Murti.

ANNEXURE II

STATISTICAL ABSTRACTS

1

PANDIT V. KRISHNAMACHARYA

	1948-1949	1949-1950	1950-1951
Descriptive Catalogue—Slips			
MSS. Examined ...	...	600 ¹	800 ¹
Do. Prepared ...	400 ¹	250 ¹	650 ¹
Literary contributions ...	8	12	10
Correction of proofs for books edited in Library series ...	820 ¹	900 ¹	800 ¹
Manuscripts Examined ...	...	250	350
Press copy prepared and Compared—pages ...	...	480	480
Edited, and wrote commentary ...	...	160	40
New works edited			2 books

¹ Assistance received by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya from Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma.

2

H. G. NARAHARI

	1948-1949	1949-1950	1950-1951
Literary Contribution ...	1	3	4
Reviews to the Bulletin ...	2	2	4
Manuscripts described for Descriptive Catalogue...	242 ¹	417 ¹	582 ¹
Do. revised ...	310 ¹	433 ¹	573 ¹
Do. Catalogue pages printed	112 ¹	128 ¹	184 ¹
Vṛttaratnāvali Edited Pages ...	...	...	32

3

PANDIT V. NARAYANASWAMI SASTRI

Granthas copied ...	24,508	19,880	15,295
Do. Compared ...	11,450	46,588	31,610
Estimates for transcription			
No. of Granthas ...	32,559	45,672	
Loan-slips prepared ...	25	25	
Proofs passed (forms) ...	...	92	
MSS. Examined ...	...	...	520

4

PANDIT K. RAMACHANDRA SARMA

Assisted in preparing press copy and proof correction ...	820	900	1,200
Assisted in the preparation of Descriptive Catalogue ...	200	900	800
Press copy for Library Series.	200	160	160
Manuscripts examined etc. ...	110	250	250
Sangitaratnakara (pages printed)	...	480	300

5

N. RAMACHANDRA BHAT

Granthas copied ...	30,568	24,350	14,550
Do. compared ...	1,21,524	1,34,560	65,000
Assisted in the examination of MSS. for Descriptive Catalogue			
Dharmasastra ...	24	50	60

¹ Indicates assistance received by Sri H. G. Narahari from Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma.

	1948-1949	1949-1950	1950-1951
Proofs corrected for the press for the Library Series ...	354	614	654
Correspondence etc.	423

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K. T. VENKATARAMA SARMA

			1950-1951
No. of Books Registered	360
" " Classified	200
" Manuscripts Examined	300
" Cards Indexed	1,500

ANNEXURE III

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| 3. American Theosophical Society | 32. Mckinney, J. P. |
| 4. Amery, E. M. (Miss) | 33. Lavender, E. M. (Mrs.) |
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bay |
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of Madras | 42. Recording Secretary, T. S. |
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Madanapalle |
| 22. Foristal, W. | 51. Theosophical Publishing House |
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| 25. Good companions | 54. United States Information Ser-
vice |
| 26. Government Press, Superinten-
dent | 55. The University Press, Cambridge |
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| 28. Jain Mission Society | 57. Venkatraman, A. S. |
| 29. Jaswantlal Giridharlal Shah | 58. World University, The |

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

REPORT ON THE SCHOOL YEAR 1950-1951

The second year of the School of the Wisdom included the period of the great Seventy-fifth Anniversary Convention at Adyar. This Convention brought a large number of members to Headquarters from all over the world and some came early or left late to include in their visit as much as possible of the School programme. In view of the unusual circumstances members were permitted to register for periods less than the whole School session which ran from October 1, 1950 to April 6, 1951, with a recess of one month covering the Christmas and Convention period (December 15 to January 15). Those who did not register for regular attendance and study were permitted to attend as observers without participation in the School studies and discussion.

Under these arrangements over 40 attended as students for some substantial portion of the two terms, and 19 received certificates of attendance. The total student body represented a dozen different countries and this international quality was a very valuable characteristic of the School.

The first term of the School was devoted to the Fundamental Principles of Theosophy and in the course of the eleven weeks of morning sessions, under the general headings of Cosmogogenesis, Anthropogenesis, the following subjects were studied and discussed: Origins, Creation, the Planes, Involution, Evolution, Man, Life in the Three Worlds, Cycles, Yoga, the Occult Path. The subjects in the second term (12 weeks) were Education, Health and Healing, Psychology, Religions, Government and Social Organization, Philosophies, the Arts. Thus the studies of the year

provided for a review of ancient and modern Theosophical knowledge and for a survey of the developing thought and character of the human race with special emphasis on modern trends. When at Adyar the President gave a series of talks on Friday mornings on various aspects of the Wisdom, and lectures by members and by visitors were arranged under the School auspices for afternoons and all Adyar residents were invited. In this way the life of the School overflowed as it were to all at Adyar. On the other hand the students participated in many of the activities of the Headquarters, visited the departments and gave some time regularly to assisting in their work.

Attendance at the School is much more than a chance for congenial study. It is an opportunity for exchange with a variety of minds from many parts, all convinced of the principles of the Wisdom but flexible and various in their thought and ideas as to meaning, application and present need. Adyar rightly approached provides the perfect setting for this freedom from orthodoxy and fixation.

The first session (pre-convention) was conducted by Mr. N. Sri Ram as Chairman of Discussions and Mr. Richard Groves as Director of Studies. These having departed for duties elsewhere, the second session fell to the joint leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Cook. The students became an integrated group and the great success of the School was in no small measure due to their enthusiasm and willing industry and co-operation.

SIDNEY A. COOK,

Vice-Principal.

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

No. 2 of 1905.

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



(Sd.) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

SIRRY A. COOK

Vice-President

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the registration of literary,
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are :

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire

or by gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follow :

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder :—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President :—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording-Secretary :—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer :—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knös, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de La Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Massó, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalwala, Poona, Special Judge [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded the Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be

paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any member thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage

or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present per-

sonally or by proxy at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

Witnesses to the signatures :

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY ...
 „ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ...
 „ PYARE LAL ...
 „ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ...

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
 „ W. A. ENGLISH
 „ SUBRAMANIAM
 { „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
 „ UPENDRANATH BASU
 „ ANNIE BESANT
 „ N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. Not less than seven members of this Council shall be residents of India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not less than 5 and not more than 10 Additional Members, such members shall on the nomination of

the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of The Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special

meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not less than five members.

4. The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of The Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

5. At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include Adjourned Meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of The Society, shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years.

10. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Recording Secretary shall call for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council, each of whom shall be entitled to make not more than three nominations. Such call to members outside India shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails. Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary shall consult with the respective National Governing Council and shall make his nominations on its behalf. Nominations of any member or members in good standing, whose consent as laid down hereunder shall be necessary for the validity of the nomination, shall be sent to the Recording Secretary, so as to reach him within two months of the date of the call for nominations.

At the expiration of this period the Recording Secretary shall place all the nominations received along with the relevant papers before the Executive Committee at a meeting specially convened for the purpose. At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations. All nominations for which the consent of the nominated member has not been filed in the office of the Recording Secretary within the period of two months just preceding shall be rejected as invalid. The rest shall be counted, and the names of those receiving the three highest numbers of nominations, (or any lesser number of names, if less than three are nominated) together with any others who have been nominated by

not less than half the members of the General Council, but after eliminating any who in the meantime have died or who have withdrawn their consent to nomination and subject only to the provisions of the next following paragraph, shall be those to be voted upon. The list made by the Executive Committee shall not be subject to challenge.

The Recording Secretary shall immediately in writing communicate all the names on the list to each nominee thereon (if the nominee is not at Adyar the communication shall be by telegraph or cable). In the event of any death or withdrawal the corresponding name shall be struck from the list.

On the tenth day following the meeting of the Executive Committee for the examination of nominations, the Recording Secretary shall communicate the list of nominees remaining to be voted upon, to the General Secretaries, and to Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar. Such communication to the General Secretaries outside India shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air mail and ordinary mail, and to the others by air mail confirmed within two days by ordinary mail. Each General Secretary shall take the individual vote of each of the voter-members of his Section, that is, of members of the National Society on his rolls who are not in arrears of annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Section, and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall himself take the votes of the Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar, who are not in arrears of annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Society at Adyar.

If only one member is nominated the vote so taken shall be on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

At the expiration of six months from the call for nominations by the Recording Secretary, the results of the voting shall be counted by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office of President.

If the voting results in the highest number of votes being given equally to two or more of the nominees, or if the voting upon the "For" or "Against" ballot results in the rejection of the one member receiving nomination, or if the death of any nominee occurs before the counting of the votes and the declaration of the result, the nomination and election procedure herein provided shall be repeated and the President then in office or the Vice-President, if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President is elected.

11. (a) The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council, and his term of Office shall continue till a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of The Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or permanent disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold Office until the new President shall have

nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee at its next following meeting, and shall continue to be valid unless rejected by a majority of votes of the whole number of members in the Executive Committee, voting in person or by proxy, at the said meeting, the newly appointed Treasurer or Recording Secretary not being present, nor counting as a member of the Executive Committee for purposes of such vote.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee of his own to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary, shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-optation.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not less than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of The Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of The Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of The Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Recording Secretary, the receipt of either of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the Imperial Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by the President or the Treasurer or the Recording Secretary of The Society.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of The Society beyond British India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of The Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if

necessary affix the Seal of The Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of The Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property movable, or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to subdelegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of The Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages on such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of The Society in Madras including The Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of The

Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21 (c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to The Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of The Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of The Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note.—The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of The Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Recording Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of The Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion or premises in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of majority in their respective countries shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian.

29. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge, the General Secretary of a National Society, or through the Recording Secretary; and a Diploma of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Recording Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Recording Secretary.

30. Lodges and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge, residing within the territory of a National Society, must belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the sanction of the President a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society, but he shall not be allowed to cast more than one vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Before any Lodge shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is

about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge vote in favour thereof.

32. Lodges or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas directly to the Recording Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge. In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of The Society through the Recording Secretary.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Recording Secretary, and the Seal of The Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of The Society.

35. A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges.

36. All Charters of National Societies or Lodges and all Diplomas of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive officer of the General Council of The Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

37. Each Lodge and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31 (c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgment of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

38. Every National Society must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of The T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. (a) The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows: for Charter, £1; for each Diploma of Membership, 5s.; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, 5s.; but in the case of Lodges comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, the Annual Subscription of each Fellow shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society within which the Lodge exists; or equivalents.

(b) New members joining otherwise than at the beginning of the year shall at the time of admission pay their annual subscription *pro rata* for the remaining period of the fiscal year at the rate of £0-1-3 per quarter.

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a), shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the by-laws or other regulation of such National Society, but not less than 5/- and £1 respectively.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society shall pay to the General Treasury an Entrance Fee of 5/- and an Annual Subscription of £1.

43. Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury ten per cent of the total amount received for its own National dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of The Society shall close on 30th September.

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge, the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge, granted by the President, shall, *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas, Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge shall vest as follows:

(a) in The Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge coming under Rule 31 (c), (except where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided)—and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge is situated, in the case of a Lodge within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge not coming under Rule 31 (c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the Name, Motto, or Seal of the Society.

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the

Charter of the National Society or the Lodge, as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges being not less than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of The Society.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in The Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge, whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which The Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to The Society.

45. The financial accounts of The Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETINGS

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of The Society shall

be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year. Lodges desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of The Society at his discretion.

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of The Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

DIRECTORY FOR 1952

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President: MR. C. JINARĀJADĀSA.

Vice-President: MR. SIDNEY A. COOK.

Treasurer: MR. C. D. SHORES.

Recording Secretary: MISS HELEN ZAHARA.

General Secretaries and Presidential Agents

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1886	United States ...	Mr. James S. Perkins	P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois
1888	England ...	C. R. Groves, Esq.	50 Gloucester Place, London, W. 1
1891	India ...	Sjt. Rohit Mehta	Theosophical Society, Banaras City
1895	Australia ...	Mr. J. L. Davidge	29 Bligh Street, Sydney, N.S.W.
1895	Sweden ...	Herr Curt Berg	Ostermalmgatan 12, Stockholm
1896	New Zealand ...	Miss Emma Hunt	10 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland, S. E. 3
1897	Netherlands ...	Professor J. N. van der Ley.	Amsteldijk 76, Amsterdam Z.
1899	France ...	Monsieur Francis Brunel	4 Square Rapp, Paris VII
1902	Italy ...	Dr. Giuseppe Gasco	14-Piazza Gherbiana, Mondovi-Breo, Prov. Cuneo
1902	Germany ...	Direktor Martin Boyken	Rotbuchenstieg 40, (24a) Hamburg 39
1905	Cuba ...	Dr. Lorgio Vargas G.	Calle Marcos Garcia 3, Sancti-Spiritus
1907	Hungary ...	...	...
1907	Finland ...	Miss Signe Rosvall	Vironkatu 7 C, Helsinki
1908	Russia ...	...	...
1909	Czechoslovakia* ...	Pan Miloslav Lzicka	Praha VIII—Zastrelnici 633
1909	Southern Africa ...	Mrs. Eleanor Stakesby-Lewis.	Box 863, Johannesburg
1910	Scotland ...	Edward Gall, Esq.	28 Great King Street, Edinburgh
1910	Switzerland ...	Monsieur Albert Sassi	79 Route de Drize, Troinex, Geneva
1911	Belgium ...	Mlle. Serge Brisy	37 Rue Jean-Baptise Meunier, Bruxelles
1912	Indonesia ...	Mr. Soemardjo	Blavatskypark 5, Merdeka-Barat 17, Djakarta, Java
1912	Burma ...	U Po Lat	No. 102, 49th Street, Rangoon
1912	Austria ...	Herr F. Schleifer	Bürgergasse 22, 4 Stg. 18, Vienna X
1913	Norway ...	Herr Ernst Nielsen	Oscarsgt. 11. I. Oslo
1918	Egypt ...	...	...
1918	Denmark ...	Herr J. H. Möller	Strandvejen 130a, Aarhus
1919	Eire ...	Mrs. Alice Law	14 South Frederick St., Dublin, Eire
1919	Mexico ...	Señor Adolfo de la Peña Gil.	Iturbide 28, Mexico, D. F.
1919	Canada ...	Lt.-Col. E.L.Thomson, D.S.O.	52 Isabella Street, Toronto 5, Ont.
1920	Argentina ...	Señor José M. Olivares	Sarmiento 2478, Buenos Aires
1920	Chile ...	Sra. Teresa de Risso	Casilla 604, Valparaiso
1920	Brazil ...	Tenente Armando Sales	Rua Sao Bento 38, 1º andar, Sao Paulo
1920	Bulgaria
1921	Iceland ...	Gretar Fells	Ingolfsstr. 22, Reykjavík
1921	Spain

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Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1921	Portugal ...	Mme. J. S. Lefèvre ...	Rua Passos Manuel, No. 20-cave, Lisbon
1922	Wales ...	Miss E. Claudia Owen ...	10 Park Place, Cardiff
1923	Poland ...	...	...
1925	Uruguay ...	Señor Enrique Molina ...	Palacio Diaz, 18 de Julio 1333, Montevideo
1925	Puerto Rico ...	Señora Esperanza C. Hopgood ...	Box 8774 Fernandez Juncos, Santurce
1925	Rumania ...	...	...
1925	Yugoslavia ...	...	...
1926	Ceylon *	N. K. Choksy, Esq., K. C. ...	Roshanara, 54 Turret Road, Colombo
1928	Greece ...	Monsieur Kimón Prinaris ...	3D September Str., No. 56B III Floor, Athens
1929	Central America ...	Señor Amalia de Sotela ...	P. O. Box 797, San José, Costa Rica
1929	Paraguay ...	...	...
1929	Peru ...	Señor Jorge Torres Ugarriza ...	Apartado No. 2718, Lima
1933	Philippines ...	Mr. Olimpio A. Cabellon ...	728 Lepanto, Manila
1937	Colombia ...	Señor Ramón Martínez ...	Apartado No. 539, Bogotá
1947	British E. Africa ...	Mr. Dwarkadas Morarji Shah ...	P. O. Box 142, Zanzibar
1948	Pakistan *	Jamshed Nusserwanji, Esq. ...	P. O. Box 271, Karachi
1948	Malaya and Singapore *	Mr. V. Rajagopal ...	P. O. Box 752, Singapore
1949	Northern Ireland *	Dr. Hugh Shearman ...	18 Brookhill Avenue, Belfast
1950	Indochina *	M. Pham-Ngoc-Da ...	Instituteur Principal, Chaudoc, South Viet-Nam
1950	State of Israel *	Dr. I. S. Cohen ...	P. O. Box 2858, Tel Aviv
1951	Japan *	Mr. Jack R. Brinkley ...	537 Zushi, Zushi Machi, Miura Gun, Kanagawa Ken

Additional Members of the General Council

- SRI K. S. CHANDRASEKHARA AIYAR, "Chandravilas", Bull Temple Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- MR. JAMSHED NUSSEERWANJI, P. O. Box 271, Karachi, Pakistan (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- MR. R. M. ALPAIWALLA, 179, Lamington Cross Road, Bombay 7 (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Voorteweg 40, Eindhoven, Holland (for 1951, 1952 and 1953).
- DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI, Director, Adyar Library, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- MR. N. SRI RAM, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20, (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- MR. H. S. L. POLAK, 49 Earls Ave., The Leas, Folkestone, England (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- N. K. CHOKSY, ESQ., K. C., Roshanara, 54 Turret Road, Colombo, Ceylon (for 1950, 1951 and 1952).
- DR. HUGH SHEARMAN, 18 Brookhill Avenue, Belfast, United Kingdom (for 1951, 1952 and 1953).
- SRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1952, 1953 and 1954).

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MINUTES

*Of Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society,
held at "Shanti Kunj", Banaras, on Tuesday,
25th December, 1951, at 2 p.m.*

First Session

PRESENT :

Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa	... President (in the chair) and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Chile and Messrs. H. S. L. Polak and J. E. van Dissel (Additional Members).
Mr. Sidney A. Cook	... Vice-President.
Mr. C. D. Shores	... Treasurer and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Indonesia.
Miss Helen Zahara	... Recording Secretary and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Puerto Rico and Dr. Hugh Shearman (Additional Member).
Mr. Rohit Mehta	... General Secretary, the T.S. in India.
Mr. N. Sri Ram	... Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in New Zealand and England.
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	... Additional Member.
Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanji	... Additional Member.
Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale	... Present by special invitation.

1. *The Minutes* of the meetings of the General Council held on 25th and 30th December, 1950, and 1st January, 1951, having been circulated to the members of the General Council, were taken as read and were adopted and signed.

2. *Matters arising out of Minutes :*

(a) *Next World Congress.*—After discussion it was decided that this matter be postponed again until next year. The general feeling was that the holding of a Congress in Australia under present difficult travel and financial conditions would not be practicable.

3. *The Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1952.*—The President proposed that the following be appointed members of the Executive Committee for the year 1952 :

President	}	Ex-officio
Vice-President		
Treasurer		
Recording Secretary		
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti		
Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale		
Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram		
Mr. N. Sri Ram		
Mr. M. Subramaniam		

The proposition was seconded by the Vice-President and approved.

4. *Election of an Additional Member to the General Council.*—Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale nominated by the President, having obtained the necessary votes favourable to her election as set forth below, was declared duly elected as Additional Member of the General Council for a period of three years (1952, 1953 and 1954).

In favour	36
Against	Nil

5. *Award of Subba Rao Medal.*—The award of the Subba Rao medal for 1951 to Mr. N. Sri Ram was cordially approved by the members of the Council, although the President may make the award without consultation with the General Council.

The President advised that he proposed nominating Miss E. W. Preston for the award of the Subba Rao Medal for 1952 in recognition of her work in connection with the third edition of *Occult Chemistry* and her previous contributions to Theosophical literature.

6. *Annual Report of the Society—Questions raised by General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in France.*—The Recording Secretary reported that the following members of the General Council had sent opinions agreeing in substance with the comments of the President and Recording Secretary in connection with the questions raised by Dr. Paul Thorin, General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in France: Mr. James S. Perkins, U.S.A.; Mr. C. R. Groves, England; Herr F. Schleifer, Austria; Señor José M. Olivares, Argentina; Sra. Teresa de Risso, Chile; Sra. Esperanza C. Hopgood, Puerto Rico; Mr. J. E. van Dissel, Additional Member; Mr. H. S. L. Polak, Additional Member and Dr. Hugh Shearman, Additional Member.

The General Secretary for Canada, Lt. Col. E. L. Thomson, had submitted a resolution from his Executive Committee expressing that the general principle should be established that reports be published in full and that portions of reports should not be deleted without obtaining the approval of the members of the General Council residing at Adyar.

During the discussion, several points were raised :

- (i) Whether the report of a General Secretary is a report to the General Council or to the President.

Rule 39 reads as follows :

" The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire."

- (ii) Whether the report of a General Secretary must first be submitted by him for approval of his Section Executive.
- (iii) If the position is as in (ii) and a minority of the Executive dissents, ought the minority to have the right to send a separate report to the President ?
- (iv) Again, if the position is as in (ii), does it not lead to the idea that the President cannot himself make his report except after submitting it to the General Council ?

The Rule (quoted above) merely states " to the President ". It would seem that any interpretation other than that the report is from the General Secretary in his personal relationship with the President will lead to inevitable delays and the complications of minority reports and restrictions upon the information that the President could receive.

It was suggested, though no vote was taken, that the President should receive the report as a personal report to him with discretion as to the degree in which it should be passed on to the General Council or be submitted for publication.

It was pointed out that it would be extremely dangerous from the standpoint of the laws of libel if the President were compelled without discretion to publish whatever might be contained in reports received by him.

It was further suggested that the practice be adopted, in the annual publication of reports, of placing the word " condensed " after the Section heading, if the General Secretary's report is not published verbatim (in full).

The Council finally decided that these expressions of the Council be submitted to legal opinion as to the appropriate interpretation to be placed upon the rule (Rule 39).

7. *Any other Business :*

(a) *Mrs. Jerbanoo Hormusji Dadabhoy Legacy.*—The Recording Secretary notified that the result of voting to empower the Executive Committee to deal with the legacy of Rs. 5,857-14-9 bequeathed by the late Mrs. Jerbanoo Hormusji Dadabhoy in such manner as it may deem fit in consonance with the terms of the bequest was as follows :

In favour	...	34
Against	...	1

The General Council was notified that the Executive Committee had decided that half the legacy should go to the Faithful Service Fund and the other half to a new fund to be designated " General Charity Fund ".

The Council then adjourned to meet on 31st December, 1951 at 2 p. m.

MINUTES

*Of Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society,
held at "Shanti Kunj", Banaras, on Monday,
31st December, 1951, at 2 p.m.*

Second Session

PRESENT :

Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa	... President (in the chair) and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Chile and Messrs. H. S. L. Polak and J. E. van Dissel (Additional Members).
Mr. Sidney A. Cook	... Vice-President.
Mr. C. D. Shores	... Treasurer and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Indonesia.
Miss Helen Zahara	... Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Puerto Rico and Dr. Hugh Shearman (Additional Member).
Mr. Rohit Mehta	... General Secretary, the T.S. in India.
Mr. N. Sri Ram	... Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in New Zealand and England.
Mr. R. M. Alpaiwalla	... Additional Member.
Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale	... Present by special invitation.

8. *The Treasurer's Report.*—The audited financial statements of the Society for the official year ended 30th September, 1951, presented by the Hon. Treasurer with his report and recommended by the Executive Committee for adoption, were given consideration and approved.

9. *Budget for 1951-52.*—The Budget estimates for the year ending 30th September, 1952, recommended by the Executive Committee for adoption were adopted as detailed hereunder :

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1951-52

EXPENSE	Budget for 1950-'51	Actuals for 1950-'51	Budget for 1951-'52	INCOME	Budget for 1950-'51	Actuals for 1950-'51	Budget for 1951-'52
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages	23,300	22,469	23,000	Rent	54,000	54,188	54,000
Repairs and Renewals (Excess to War-deferred Maintenance Reserve) ...	30,000	28,050	30,000	Conservancy Charges ...	1,300	1,349	1,300
Garden Expenses	37,300	36,974	40,800	Fees and Dues	20,000	20,530	20,000
Miscellaneous	5,000	5,135	5,000	Garden Income	36,800	34,228	38,800
Light and Water	5,200	5,294	5,000	Casuarina	4,000	3,942	10,000
Watch and Ward	14,250	13,238	15,400	Administration Charges .	7,130	7,130	7,130
Postages, Telegrams and Telephone	3,500	2,635	3,500	Interest (Gross)	30,000	30,317	30,000
Printing and Stationery ...	4,500	3,583	4,500	Special Departments :			
Publications to General Secretaries	900	679	800	Engineering Department ...	1,19,550	1,25,676	1,13,530
Sanitation Expenses	4,450	3,925	3,800	Vasanta Press	1,00,400	1,07,424	1,20,000
Taxes Account	12,000	12,467	12,500	Laundry	7,900	6,704	6,700
Pensions	100	62	100	Bhojanasala		884	
Interest on Funds and Accounts	10,000	9,543	10,000	Deficit to be made good by Donations	36,798	66,778	29,020
Convention (Reserve for 1952)	5,000	14,005	2,500				
Contributions :							
Adyar Library	5,000	5,000	5,000				
Dispensary	3,200	3,166	3,200				
President's Travelling Fund							
Museum and Archives ...	500	445	500				
The School of the Wisdom..	6,500	6,500	6,500				
Depreciation	14,000	15,153	14,500				
Donations to various Funds and Accounts		14,000					
Convention 1951 Travelling Expenses			1,000				
Bhojanasala—deficit	900		650				
Leadbeater Chambers—deficit	1,000	422	2,000				
Special Departments :							
Engineering Department...	1,19,500	1,25,253	1,13,530				
Vasanta Press	1,04,000	1,06,868	1,20,000				
Laundry	7,778	6,750	6,700				
Surplus		17,534					
	4,17,878	4,59,150	4,30,480		4,17,878	4,59,150	4,30,480

For The Theosophical Society,
C. D. SHORES,
Hony. Treasurer.

10. *The Appointment of Auditors for 1951-52.*—It was resolved that Messrs. V. Soundararajan and Co., Registered Accountants, be reappointed Auditors for the year 1951-52 on an increased remuneration of Rs. 1,000/-, the terms and conditions remaining the same as in previous years.

HELEN ZAHARA,
Recording Secretary.

List of Members		No. of Members	
1	United States of America	144	4,000
2	England	116	3,413
3	India	332	6,939
4	Australia	16	1,103
5	Sweden	19	390
6	New Zealand	10	944
7	Netherlands	30	1,701
8	France	43	1,700
9	Italy	36	918
10	Germany	33	633
11	China	33	633
12	Thailand	—	—
13	Philippines	43	319
14	Czechoslovakia	—	—
15	Switzerland	14	233
16	Belgium	31	300
17	Poland	16	490
18	Yugoslavia	3	61
19	Spain	15	304
20	Portugal	1	149
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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1951

National Sections (Active) ... 38
 Presidential Agencies (Active) 8

During the year three Presidential Agencies have been formed : Indochina ; State of Israel and Japan. The Presidential Agency of Ecuador was dissolved.

Total Lodges (1951) ... 1,264
 Total Membership :
 1950 ... 32,564
 1951 ... 32,180

Decrease ... 384

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
1. United States of America	144	4,008
2. England	116	3,313
3. India	362	6,838
4. Australia	16	1,102
5. Sweden	19	390
6. New Zealand	16	941
7. Netherlands	36	1,704
8. France	49	1,700
9. Italy	36	938
10. Germany	25	627
11. Cuba	33	622
12. Hungary	—	—
13. Finland	22	719
14. Czechoslovakia*	1	44 (1949)
15. Southern Africa..	12	597
16. Scotland	20	319
17. Switzerland	14	253
18. Belgium	11	300
19. Indonesia	16	496
20. Burma	7	64
21. Austria	13	364
22. Norway	7	149
23. Egypt*	—	—
24. Denmark	12	340

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
25. Ireland	4	39
26. Mexico	26	451
27. Canada	11	371
28. Argentina	66	1,354
29. Chile	12	106
30. Brazil	34	748
31. Bulgaria	—	—
32. Iceland	5	243
33. Spain	—	—
34. Portugal	11	230
35. Wales	7	174
36. Poland	—	—
37. Uruguay	6	71
38. Puerto Rico	7	86
39. Rumania	—	—
40. Yugoslavija	—	—
41. Ceylon*	1	60
42. Greece	7	270
43. Central America.	11	142
44. Paraguay*	—	—
45. Peru	10	200 (1949)
46. Philippines	13	307
47. Colombia	10	120
48. British East Africa	8	214
49. Pakistan*	6	280
50. Malaya & Singapore*	4	105
51. Northern Ireland*	3	77
52. Indo-China*	5	135
53. State of Israel *	—	8
54. Japan*	—	3
55. Canadian Federation	7	184
56. H.P.B. Lodge, Canada	1	12
57. Olcott-Blavatsky (Greece)	1	20
58. Libertad Lodge (Argentina)	1	12
59. Fellows-at-large	—	10
60. Members attached to Adyar	—	320
Total	1,264	32,180

* Presidential Agency.

HELEN ZAHARA,
 Recording Secretary.

